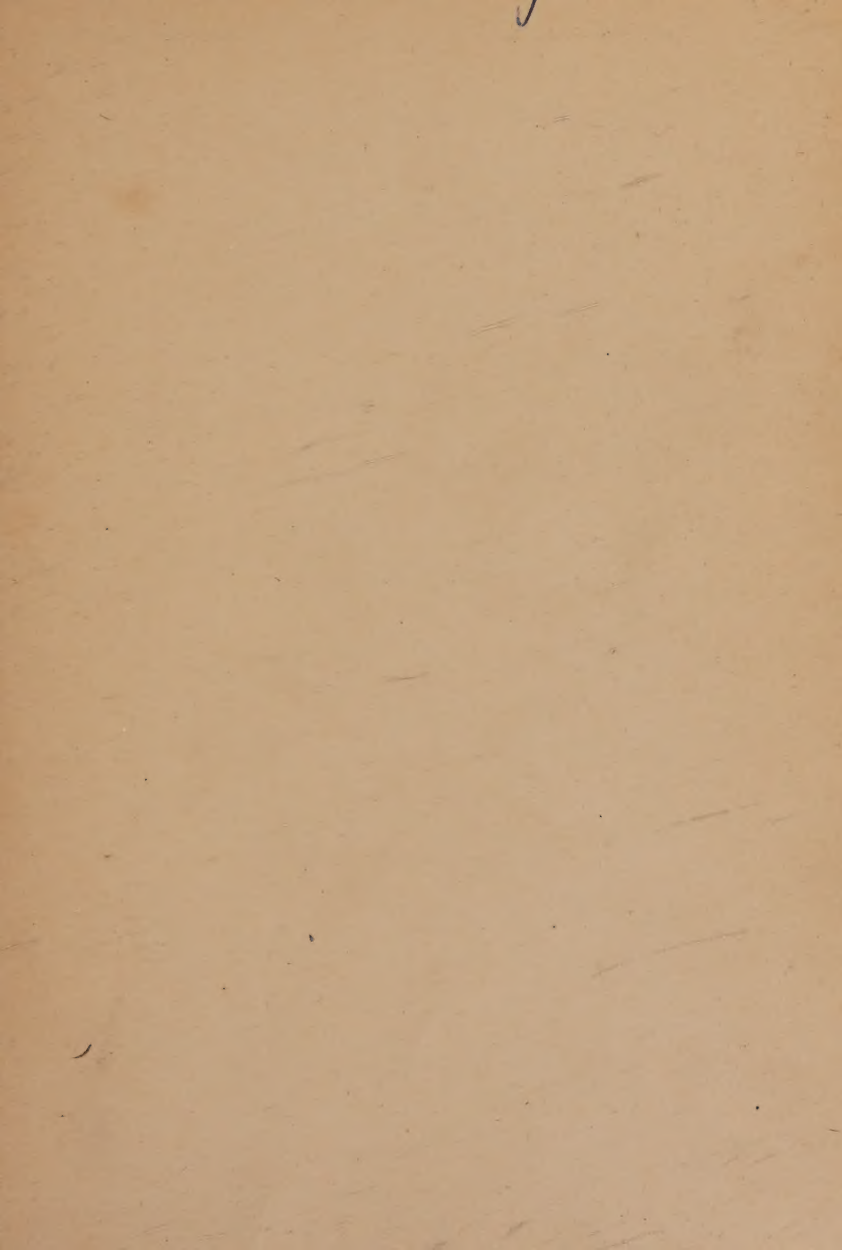
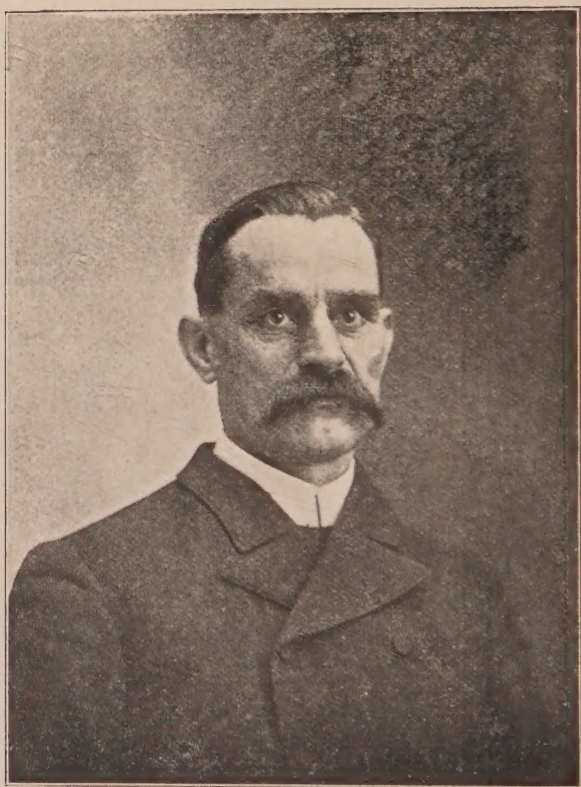


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Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. 1 Tim. 4:1-3.

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AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

IN the name of Jesus Christ, this volume is written, and sent forth with a prayer that it may prove a blessing to every reader into whose hands it may chance to fall, hoping that they may hereby be enabled to see the abomination and infamy of "modern spiritualism" as they really exist, and as God sees them.

It is not the aim of the author to make any display of his ability or talent as a writer before the public, but that all who seek to know the truth of this matter may see it in the light of God's Word, so that those who have been ensnared therein may be enabled to make their escape; and that those who might come in contact with it may shun it.

With an earnest appeal to those into whose hands this book may fall, to not lay it aside until they have carefully read and compared it with the Word of God, I send this forth, earnestly invoking the blessings of God upon all who may read it.

Yours, saved in Jesus,

J. N. HOWARD.

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THE BIBLE V. MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

INTRODUCTION.

I N the name of Jesus Christ I take my pen in hand and write on the subject of spiritualism, realizing that it is to the interest of every son and daughter of Adam's fallen race, to have a correct knowledge of this theme, and knowing no better course to pursue, I proceed to look at it from a Bible standpoint. We are often told by its adherents, propagators, and leading supporters, that "Jesus Christ was a leading spiritualist"; that "Christ was a medium"; that "spiritualism is Bible," and that it "is supported by the Bible"; "can be proven to be right by the Bible." While others who are in opposition to it say, "It is not Bible," "is not supported by the Bible," "is not of God," and "can not be proven to be right by the Bible." It is evident to all that both can not be right, and many do not know how to decide, or to obtain the truth concerning the matter.

Now what I purpose to do in this investigation is to let the Word of God—Bible— decide which is right; and before God, and the court of heaven, the writer of this volume agrees to abide the decision of this investigation.

Now, dear reader, and especially all modern spiritualists, I bring you before the tribunal of God's Word. Know ye, O ye children of men, that "modern spiritualism," and all other theories, be they true or false, will stand or fall by the immutable Word of God. The truth of this matter, according to the Word, which is forever settled in heaven (Psa. 119: 89), and which shall judge us all in the last day (John 12: 48), is what we seek to know. Obeying the divine injunction (Col. 3: 17), in the name of Jesus Christ, I ask you to open your Bible and follow me while I read. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isa. 8: 20. Nothing is more conclusive, than that this scripture teaches that whosoever speaketh, holdeth, or teacheth a doctrine that is not according to God's Word is in the dark—full of darkness, "no light in them." Jesus says, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8: 12. The Bible talks about

PART I.

DIFFERENT KINDS OF SPIRITS.

1st. The spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. "We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." 1 John 4: 6.

(a) All who are under the influence of, and in affinity with, and are filled or led by the spirit of truth, are of God, and heareth the people and Word of God.

(b) All who are under the influence of, and in affinity with, and are filled or led by the spirit of error, are not of God, and heareth not the people and Word of God.

2d. "Spirit of God," and "spirits of devils."

(a) Spirit of God. "Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost [Spirit]." 1 Cor. 12: 3. "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God." 1 John 4: 2.

(b) Spirits of devils. "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to

gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Rev. 16:13, 14.

By the above scriptures we see, first, that it is not the Spirit of God, Holy Spirit, by which men are prompted to speak against the Son of God—Jesus. Second, that spirits of devils work miracles. This is the key to all the mysteries and mysterious workings of mediums, clairvoyants, and mind-readers in spiritualism.

3d. Good spirit, and evil spirit.

(a) Good spirit "Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst." Neh. 9:20. "Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness." Psal. 143:10.

(b) Evil spirits. "So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. . . And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded." Acts 19:12-16.

It is easy to be seen that the Bible teaches that the good spirit is God's Spirit, which is to instruct us in the truth, and in the right; and that evil spirits

are antagonistic (and yet subject), to those who are instructed by the good spirit, as well as that those who are themselves under the control, and influence of evil spirits can neither get free from them by their own power, nor help others to get free.

4th. "Spirit of Christ," and "spirit of antichrist."

(a) Spirit of Christ. "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Rom. 8:9. "Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow." 1 Pet. 1:11.

(b) Spirit of antichrist. "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." 1 John 4:3.

As we look over the above scriptures we see, first, the Spirit of Christ is in all those who are Christ's, and "testifies of the sufferings of Christ, and confesses, or acknowledges that he "is come in the flesh"—is the incarnate Son of God. Second, that those who do not confess or acknowledge that "Jesus Christ is come in the flesh"—is the incarnate Son of God, are antichrist, and are under the influence, and oftentimes possessed by the spirit of antichrist. This is the condition of modern spiritualism, as we shall see farther on.

5th. "Spiritual men," "spiritually minded,"

“spirits of just men,” and “spirit of divination” and “familiar spirits.”

(a) Spiritual men (or women). “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.” Gal. 6:1.

(b) Spiritually minded. “To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

(c) Spirits of just men. “But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect.” Heb. 12:22, 23.

6th. “Spirit of divination,” and familiar spirits.

(a) Spirit of divination. “And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying.” Acts 16:16.

(b) Familiar spirits. “A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.” Lev. 20:27. “Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord thy God.” Lev. 19:31.

The reader will observe that the preceding texts teach the following facts: First, that spiritual men and women have a meek spirit, “spirit of meekness,” are “spiritually minded,” possess “life [eternal]

and peace," are in the "church of the first-born," are just, and must be perfect. Second, that all who have familiar spirits, or who possess a spirit of divination, are against God, his work, and his servants, and in ancient times were considered unfit to live, and defiled those who sought unto them. Let us observe also that all of the above scriptures teach and commend spirituality; while spiritualism and its practises are taught against, and wholly condemned by the Bible.

With the above points (see terms defined on page 16), fresh in the reader's mind, let me ask you to read a few more scriptures, and we shall be better prepared to understand how God looks at spiritualism. "So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the Lord, even against the word of the Lord, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it; and enquired not of the Lord: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse." 1 Chr. 10: 13, 14.

"And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger." 2 Chr. 33: 6.

"And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul,

and will cut him off from among his people." Lev. 20: 6.

"And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?" Isa. 8: 19.

Many more texts might be given here, some of which will be given later.

TERMS DEFINED.

I give full definition from Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.

First. WITCH, *n.* 1. A woman who, by compact with the devil, practises sorcery or enchantment. 2. A woman who is given to unlawful arts.

Second. WITCHCRAFT, *n.* 1. The practises of witches; sorcery; enchantments; intercourse with the devil. 2. Power more than natural.

Third. WIZARD, *n.* A conjurer; an enchanter; a sorcerer *adj.* 1. Enchanting; charming. 2. Haunted by wizards.

Fourth. SORCERER, *n.* A conjurer; an enchanter; a magician.

Fifth. SORCERESS, *n.* A female magician or enchantress.

Sixth. SORCERY, *n.* Magic; enchantment; witchcraft; divination by the assistance or supposed as-

sistance of evil spirits, or the power of commanding evil spirits.

Seventh. SOOTHSAYER, *n.* A foreteller; a prognosticator; one who undertakes to foretell events without inspiration.

Eighth. SOOTHSAYING, *n.* The foretelling of events by persons without divine aid or authority, and thus distinguished from prophet.

Ninth. NECROMANCER, *n.* 1. Properly one who pretends to foretell events by holding converse with departed spirits. [Hence a medium.] 2. One who uses enchantments or practises sorcery. The latter is now the more usual sense.

Tenth. NECROMANCY, *n.* 1. Properly the art of revealing future events by means of a pretended communication with the dead. [The work of mediums. This imposture is prohibited. Deut. 18.] 2. Enchantment; conjurer. This is now the more usual sense.

Eleventh. MAGICIAN, *n.* One skilled in magic; one that practises the black art; an enchanter; a necromancer; a sorcerer or sorceress.

Twelfth. DIVINATION, *n.* 1. The act of divining; a foretelling of events, or discovering things secret or obscure, by the aid of superior beings, or by other than human aid. The ancient heathen philosophers divided divination into two kinds, natural and artificial. 2. Conjectural presage; prediction.

Thirteenth. ENCHANTMENT, *n.* The act of producing certain wonderful effects by the invocation or aid of demons, or the agency of certain supposed

spirits; the use of magic art, spells, or charms; incantation.

Fourteenth. INCANTATION, *n.* The act of enchanting; the act of using certain formulas of words and ceremonies, for the purpose of raising spirits.

Fifteenth. PYTHON, *n.* A dragon or serpent. A genus of ophidian reptiles, which are large serpents; nearly allied to the boa, and found in the East Indies.

Sixteenth. PYTHONESS, *n.* 1. A sort of witch; also the female or priestess who gave oracular answers to Delphi, in Greece. 2. Any female supposed to have a spirit of divination; a sort of witch.

By the above terms, and their proper definitions it is easily seen that modern spiritualism and some forms of its pernicious practises are included in each of them. With these terms and what they comprehend in our minds we are ready to investigate this subject intelligently, properly, and thoroughly in the light of the Bible.

But before we go farther permit me to say that I am fully aware of the sad fact that the spirits controlling modern spiritualism soon cause its adherents and propagators to deny the Bible and Christianity. When men and women who are born of God yield themselves wholly to his control, or will, he fills them with his Spirit, and when thus filled with the Holy Spirit, they are led to act and speak in perfect harmony with the will of God and the Bible. When they fall under the influence of Satan, and abandon themselves wholly to his will, they become filled with

demon spirits, and are mediums through which Satan works, and are caused by him to act, talk, write, and to do many wonderful things contrary to the will of God, and his holy Word, and are ready to deny the Bible.

Since the definitions of the above mentioned terms comprehend all that is included in modern spiritualism, whatever the Bible says in favor of, or against them, it says in favor of, or against spiritualism; so we turn at once to the Word of God.

BIBLE VS. SPIRITUALISM.

1st. Witches. "When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits [mediums], or a wizard, or a necromancer. [Why?] For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God For these nations which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so to do." Deut. 18:9-14.

Again, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live." Ex. 22:18.

By these scriptures we see that there is nothing more clear than the fact that the Bible is against witches.

2d. Witchcraft. "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft." 1 Sam. 15:23. Here God's Word declares witchcraft to be a sin. Now turn to the New Testament and read: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these, . . . idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, . . . and such like; of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Gal. 5:19-21.

In this quotation from the Bible we are plainly told that they who do such things as are styled the "works of the flesh," among which witchcraft is classed, "shall not inherit the kingdom of God." So we see by the Bible that witchcraft is sin, and will bar all who practise it, both men and women, out of God's kingdom. Witchcraft is the practise of witches (women), and wizards (men), both of which are mediums of modern spiritualism. Now let us hear what the Bible says about them under another head.

3d. Wizard. "Regard not them that hath familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God." Lev. 19:31. Here the Bible says that wizards (mediums) defile those who seek after them.

“A man also or a woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.” Lev. 20:27.

“And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.” ver. 6.

It is seen in the above texts that God is not only against wizards (mediums), but those who seek after them, commanding that the former be cut off—stoned to death, and declaring that he will set his face against the latter and cut them off. “There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits [mediums], or a wizard, or a necromancer.” Deut. 18:10, 11. “Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.” 1 Sam. 28:3. Now, dear reader, do you not see that the Bible is against witches, wizards (mediums) and witchcraft, and their abominable practises? O ye professors of religion who are ensnared in modern spiritualism, and likewise all ye mediums and clairvoyants, hear ye the Word of the Lord—the Bible. God considered your ancient brethren not fit to live among his people, Israel, because their practises were an abomination to him, and defiling (sin-

ful) to all who partook of them, and forbade all his servants to seek after them. And in the gospel dispensation, in which you and I live, the Bible emphatically declares that to do such things as all spiritualists do, will bar you out of the kingdom of God.

But some will say, Those scriptures may not mean spiritualistic mediums. To take such a position is to squarely contradict the English language. I assert in Jesus' name that the above terms and scriptures, as well as the following, do mean modern spiritualism and mediums.

Twelve years ago the writer of these pages, while helping to hold a series of gospel meetings in Mongo, Ind., conversed with a lady who said she had been brought up in the Dunkard faith, (Unfortunate for her that she had not been brought up in the faith of the Son of God.) but had been converted to the "beautiful philosophy of modern spiritualism," which afforded her so much comfort, because she could now talk to her mother (?) who had been dead for years. She also said that spiritualism now is just what was called witchcraft in olden times, and that "mediums now are just what the Bible called witches in king Saul's day." She also said that "the witch of Endor was a medium.

About four years ago while preaching a discourse from the Word of God on this subject in the saints' house of worship in this town (Payne, O.), having at least three mediums in the congregation, I got a frank acknowledgment of the same thing by a leading medium of this place. She spoke in an audible voice in

hearing of all, and the house was crowded to its utmost capacity. This is the fact in the case, and I am inclined to believe that the Spirit of God compelled this demon possessed medium to make this public acknowledgment.

Now let us turn to the Bible again and see what is said about king Saul and the witch of Endor. First, be it remembered that a witch is "a woman that hath a familiar spirit."—Bible. "A woman who is in compact with the devil."—Webster. "Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land." 1 Sam. 28:3. By reading the following scriptures we can clearly understand what is meant by the above statement. See ver. 9; Ex. 22:18; Lev. 20:27.

Now return to 1 Sam. 28:7-20. "Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night [which is still their custom in their modern circles]: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee." ver. 7, 8. "Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel. And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to

Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul. And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth, and he said unto her, What form is he of? and she said, an old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself." ver. 11-14.

Then follows the conversation between Samuel and Saul: "And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do. Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the Lord is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?" ver. 15, 16.

Now from the foregoing scriptures, it seems quite clear that Samuel did in reality come up on this occasion, but the question is, Did the witch of Endor bring him up? I trow not. We frankly admit that a witch or medium can call up spirits of devils with whom they are in compact, and hold communion with them, and do do it, but this is as far as they can go. But that God only can cause the dead to rise up, & come forth is an undeniable fact.

Now if it was indeed Samuel that appeared to Saul and talked with him on this occasion, as I verily be-

lieve it was, it is evident that God sent him, for he only has the power to do it. A few points in the above scriptures show, that what happened on this occasion was not the usual occurrence in ancient witchcraft, neither does modern spiritualism claim to call up the dead bodily; they only claim to call up the spirits of dead friends (which we will prove in this work is a false claim), and a spirit is invisible. However, of late they have a false claim, and by their fiendish practise pretend to be able to materialize the spirits they claim to call up, so they can be seen.

In Samuel's case, when the witch of Endor saw him, "She cried with a loud voice." Why? Because she was afraid Saul would kill her? No. She already had his assurance in the strongest terms that there should no punishment happen to her for this thing. ver. 10. No, she was afraid because something **unexpected**, and to which she was unaccustomed, had happened—the person in reality appeared.

Again, when Saul asked her, "What sawest thou?" she replied, "I saw gods ascending out of the earth." Why did she not say, I saw Samuel coming out of the earth, if this was the usual way? I answer, because God surprised her by sending Samuel in verity, and it was not the accustomed thing with her.

But suppose we should admit that she did in reality call up Samuel. It was not by the power of God that she did what she did, but by the power of the devil, and was it right? Did king Saul do right in seeking unto her? In the light of the above scriptures, and the whole tenor of the Bible on this subject, I

answer, No. The conversation between Samuel and Saul proves the facts, that Saul had departed from the Lord, and God had departed from him, had become his enemy, and refused to answer him any more by any of the ways he had provided to answer or commune with man.

This is almost invariably the condition of all modern spiritualists, and all those who seek unto them. They have forsaken the Lord, and disobeyed him in doing so, for he says, "Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God." Lev. 19:31. Again we read, "The soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people." Lev. 20:6.

These texts show why God does not want us to seek after witches and wizards (modernly denominated mediums) and clairvoyants. They defile us if we do, and all who are thus defiled God will cut off from among his people.

I will, for the present, leave these scriptures with this brief comment, but expect to return to them again when I look at the morals of spiritualism. Now we have before us the account the Bible gives of Saul and the witch of Endor, and the facts in the case are that not one thing is said in favor of modern spiritualism. Modern spiritualism is wholly condemned thereby. The supporters of this demon religion, in trying to defend their "doctrine of devils," sometimes refer

to the fact that the Bible says spirits appeared on earth, and speak of the angels that appeared to Abraham and his wife, the angel that fed Elijah, and many other instances of like occurrence, as well as the angel that talked to Joseph at different times, the angels and the "multitude of the heavenly host" that appeared to the shepherds by night, the angels that talked to the women at the Savior's tomb after his resurrection, and the angels that talked to the disciples of Christ at his ascension. But all these facts signify simply nothing in favor of spiritualism, and their false claim to call up the spirits of their dead friends, and converse with them. It simply proves that God can send his angels, when, and where he wills.

Now some of the terms previously defined will be found in some of the scriptures given; hence, I shall of necessity reproduce them. We find in the examination of these terms that spiritualism and its adherents, and especially all its mediums (which beyond all controversy come under the head of witchcraft, witches, and wizards, with all their accursed practises) are wholly condemned by the Bible.

"SORCERY."

The definition of this word proves it to be another term by which we are to understand modern spiritualism is meant. Let us see if the Bible tolerates it.

"Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your en-

chanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land [place of the faithful], and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish." Jer. 27: 9, 10.

It is clear to be seen by this text that God forbids us to hearken to sorcerers, false prophets, or enchanters, because they advise, teach, or instruct us contrary to the truth—Word of God (John 17: 17), and prophesy lies unto us. Their object in doing so is to cause us to lose confidence in what God says in the Bible, turn us from our integrity, and cause God to drive us out—destroy us from among his people; and the inevitable result of our hearkening to them is that we will perish.

"But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore. Against whom do ye sport yourselves? Against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood; enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks? Among the smooth [smooth fellows] stones of the stream is thy portion; they, they are thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these? Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed [high and false claims]: even thither wentest thou up [a high claim, but a defiled bed] to offer sacrifice. Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance:

for thou hast discovered thyself to another than me, and art gone up: thou hast enlarged thy bed [made room for more than two], and made thee a covenant with them, thou lovest their bed where thou sawest it, [see margin] and thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes [means of attraction], and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase thyself even unto hell." Isa. 57: 3-9.

It is very clear to the reader that there is nothing said in this scripture favorable to *sorcery*, the degrading practise of spiritualistic mediums. But here again I leave off comment for another point in this investigation, for in these few verses their morals are clearly set forth. Of course they can, and do, do some things (though there is much trickery in their practise), but by what power do they do them? That it is not by the power of God is very clearly seen by the above, as well as the following scriptures.

"Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods." Ex. 7: 11, 12.

"But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments. For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath per-

verted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me. Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth; and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know. Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries [all manner of witchcraft or working of mediums] wherein thou hast labored from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail." Isa. 47:9-12.

"Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to show the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can show the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean. And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh." Dan. 2:2, 10, 11.

The above scriptures show God's disapproval of sorcerers, and sorcery—their ungodly work. They also show that when sorcerers come in contact with God and his power, and the things of God, they fail and are overpowered. The following scriptures confirm these facts, as well as show that they have no affinity with God and Christianity, but are in opposition.

“And when they had gone through the isle of Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-jesus: which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the Word of God. But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. Then Saul (who also is called Paul) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, and said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.” Acts 13: 6-11.

By the foregoing scripture it is clearly seen that sorcerers are false prophets; they withstand the servants of God; their work is to turn men and women from the faith of the gospel; they are full of all subtilty and all mischief; they are all children of the devil; they are the enemies of all righteousness; they pervert the “right ways of the Lord”; when they come in contact with the Lord Jesus and his servants they are weak and powerless, which is a fulfilment of the scriptures which say, “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” 1 John 4: 4. “The seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord,

even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." Luke 10:17.

Again we read: "Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their *sorceries*, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts." Rev. 9:21. By reading verse 20, which for convenience I give here in full ("And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk.") in connection with verse 21, we see that sorcery is one way of worshiping the devil, or demons. And the only remedy is to repent (relinquish or quit), and the Bible says, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3.

Reader, we must admit that thus far the Bible says nothing favorable of modern spiritualism under this head—sorcery. But let us carry the investigation farther on this point. Open the Bible again, hear what it says: "And the light of a candle [God's Word] shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom [Christ] and of the bride [the church of God] shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy *sorceries* were all nations deceived." Rev. 18:23.

We see by this quotation that sorcery is not only condemned, but it is branded a deception, and that by *sorceries* all nations were deceived. Another awful fact also is here disclosed; i. e., sect Babylon contains

sorceries—is connected with it. The context shows that Babylon is fallen, and declares her to be the habitation of devils, and more, the hold of every foul [obscene and profane] spirit, and that Babylon's [false church] sins have reached unto heaven.

It is an appalling fact that in sect Babylon many who profess a high standard of Christianity, and spirituality (a degree of which they may have at one time possessed) have embraced this demon worship, and are now acting as its leading principals—mediums, and are in compact with the devil, and boldly, and extensively practise sorcery. Some of them have given up and turned against Christianity and the Bible, while some others are holding on to a profession and trying to make it appear that spiritualism and Christianity are uniting, but the claim is as false as the pit from which it emanated. The eternal truth is that the two never had, do not now have, nor ever will have any affinity with each other. They are as separate as their authors. God is the author of Christianity, and the devil is the author of spiritualism.

The reader will remember that the above scripture spoke of Babylon and sorceries in connection with each other. We have by a thorough definition of the term made it clear as to what sorcery is, but the reader may be ready by this time to ask, What is Babylon? I answer, Babylon has its derivation from the term Babel, which means confusion, and disorder, and comprehends sectism, the opponent power to the church of God. Sectism—Babel is composed of all

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humanly organized bodies called churches, of which neither one, nor all of them together, compose the "body of Christ" (Col. 1: 18, 24), or "the church of the living God," which is "the pillar and ground of the truth." 1 Tim. 3: 5-15 It is a sad fact that this conglomeration of sectism and diversities of faiths, Babel confusion, discord and disorder, contains sorceries. It is a very common thing to find so-called Christians—leading members of the popular sects of to-day, in good standing, deceived by modern spiritualism—yea, strict adherents to, and strong defenders of the same—leading mediums. To all such I will say, Let me exhort you in the name of Jesus to turn from this awful blinding, delusive snare of the devil, and repent or you shall perish eternally.

A certain writer, under the head of "Spiritualism the Work of Demons," has said, "From a small beginning among the Fox girls [of whose history the writer of this volume chanced to know a little—something of their lewd character, and their mother's as well. Their pregnant condition while they lay in a certain jail in the state of New York, although single, is, no doubt, fresh in the memories of all who are acquainted with them or their history. For there are those yet living who knew them, with one of whom it has been my privilege to converse. But I resume the quotation.] it has spread till it has become world-wide in its influence, numbering among its ardent supporters . . . ministers, [shame!] doctors, lawyers, judges, congressmen, governors, presidents, queens, kings, and emperors. . . . Its doors are open to

Catholics and Protestants, infidels and atheists, the lewd and virtuous, Mohammedans, Jews, and pagans. All are invited, all are welcome to this broad church [broad road].”

See what Jesus said: “Enter ye in at the strait [narrow, difficult] gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” Mat. 7: 13, 14.

It is not my purpose at this point of investigation to notice so much what history says about spiritualism and its propagators as it is to see what the Bible says about it and them. So I take up the grand old book again. Let us open it and read: “But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: to whom they all gave heed from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.” Acts 8: 9-13.

Here was a sorcerer (modernly called medium) turned from his sorcery and converted to Christian-

ity for a short season. But it seems that he soon turned away from Christianity to his old delusion. We would infer so, at least, (if in reality he was truly converted) from the following: "And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money." ver. 18-20.

It is evident that something was very wrong with Simon at this point, if it was not true that it had happened unto him "according to the true proverb." 2 Pet. 2:22. Hear Peter's farther reproof: "Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity." Acts 8:21-23.

It is to be hoped that the penitence he showed in verse 24 was deep and thorough and resulted in his perfect deliverance from sorcery and all its subtle influences to true Christianity. Here we have positive proof that sorcery and Christianity have no affinity, and that Christianity and the miracles performed by the true Christian has superiority over spiritualism and the bewitching sorcery thereof.

Now let us see what the Bible says about the future and eternal destiny of sorcerers (mediums):

“And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts. For I am the Lord, I change not.” Mal. 3:5, 6.

We see in this text, that the unalterable God will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, for they fear him not. Be it known to all ye mediums, that when God witnesses against you at the judgment, there will be no court nor power in earth or hell that can overthrow his testimony.

Again, hear what will be your doom after the judgment: “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” Rev. 21:8. Take warning, O ye mediums—sorcerers of modern spiritualism!

“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.” Rev. 22:14, 15.

Again in Jesus’ name I call on all spiritualists to take warning, for the “lake of fire,” “second death”—outside the city of God, is your future and eternal destiny, unless you repent of your demonic prac-

tise—sorcery. But before I turn away from this point, I wish to call your attention to another awful fact set forth in all the above scriptures; i. e., sorcerers and sorceries are spoken of in connection, and classed, with all lewd and abominable characters, and condemned with them, by the Bible.

We turn from this term with the unavoidable conclusion that modern spiritualism, under the head of sorcery, is wholly condemned by the Bible, hence my position in the onset is correct—"The Bible vs. spiritualism. Next, I take up the term

SOOTHSAYER. (*See definition.*)

At once I turn to the Bible: "Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them." Josh. 13:22. "Therefore thou [God] hast forsaken thy people, the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers." Isa. 2:6.

Here it is very clearly to be seen that soothsayers were considered not fit to live and associate with Israel of old, and for this, among other reasons given in the Bible, they were slain by the Israelites. Their demon worship and pernicious trickery was so abominable in the eyes of the Lord that he forsook them until they put the soothsayers away from among them by slaying them. God not only forsook his "people, the house of Jacob," for allowing soothsayers in

their midst, but showed that he disapproved of the doings of all who practised or tolerated it.

For the encouragement of all who will serve and obey him, he says, "For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved forever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off." Psa. 37:28. Again, "For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5. Let us ever serve and obey him, and praise him for his precious promises to his saints.

"Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded can not the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king; but there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these." Dan. 2:27, 28.

In the above the Bible positively shows that when it pertains to the things of God, and things that he reveals, soothsayers are at an end with their divinations, are driven to the wall, and can not make them known. This is confirmed by the following scriptures:

"The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and show me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. Then came in all the king's wise men: but they could not read the writing,

nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof. Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonished.

“Now the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: and the queen spake and said, O king, live forever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed: there is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers; forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and showing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation.” Dan. 5: 7-12.

By reading the context it will be seen that this Daniel, the servant of the Most High God, did what the soothsayers could not do; i. e., read the handwriting on the wall, and gave to king Belshazzar the interpretation thereof. Here again, spiritualism and its mediums, although under another head, is “weighed in the balances” of the Bible, and, like king Belshazzar of old, “found wanting.”

“And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers.” Micah

5:12. This also shows that God condemns soothsayers, and I wish to call your attention to another fact which is very apparent in the above verse of Scripture; that is, that God classes, and identifies witchcrafts and soothsayers with each other, and declares when the former is cut off (put an end to), we will have no more of the latter—soothsayers.

I give the following scripture as a concluding one on this point. Read it carefully. “And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: the same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the Most High God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.” Acts 16:16-18.

We see, at a glance, by this scripture, that soothsayers, (mediums) are “possessed with a spirit of divination” (demon spirit, see definition), which has no affinity with the Spirit of God, nor with the Lord Jesus Christ, nor his servants. Another fact is, that they are subject to Christ and his servants, and are compelled to acknowledge them in some way, and also compelled to yield to the superior spirit and power with which the Christian is possessed and endowed. All this is positive proof of the fact that the spirit, or those spirits with which soothsayers (mediums) are possessed, are spirits of devils, and are antagonistic

to the people, Spirit, and work of God, also the way of life and salvation. But thanks be to God, all demon spirits are subject to his true servants in the name of the Lord Jesus, his own dear Son.

Another fact, which is established by the above scripture, and which will be easily seen by a closer investigation, is, that when the demon spirits by which they perform their feats and "lying wonders" are cast out by the power of God, the soothsayers (mediums) are shorn of their ability to act in that capacity any longer—are rendered powerless. Again we have proven by the Bible, that spiritualism—soothsaying—whether ancient or modern, although under another head, is wholly condemned thereby.

On the authority of the Bible, I assert in Jesus' name, that the condition of the damsel spoken of in the above scripture is the condition of most spiritualists, and of all mediums, mind-readers, and clairvoyants of modern spiritualism; i. e., they are possessed by or with a spirit of divination, demon spirits. God is my witness, I know what I say. I have had personal conversation with mediums and mind-readers, and when they were told in the name of Jesus that they were possessed with devils, the writhing demons were manifested by the distortion of the whole body, and in other ways. In some instances, the mediums became stifled to such an extent that it was with much difficulty they were able to continue their breathing. Others were forced by the power of God in the name of Jesus Christ, before all present to acknowledge that they could do nothing, and left in a rage.

I have now in my mind an instance in which a woman, who was a professional mind-reader, accompanied by her husband, came from Toledo, O., to attend a camp-meeting held at this place by the saints, or church of the living God. They had previously attended a few meetings held by Bro. and Sister J. N. Worden, of this place. Like Simon of old, they professed to believe, and very urgently requested to be baptized. But a humble servant of God discerned their condition, took them aside, and told them that God had revealed to him the fact that they were spiritualists, which they frankly acknowledged to be true.

When the brother and other servants of God, who were called to investigate their case farther, told them that spiritualism was of the devil, and that if they wanted to be Christians they would have to renounce it, and give it up, they said that they had said nothing about it since they came, and that they had not intended to let it be known, but had mutually decided to keep it a secret; that is, keep still about it while here in camp. But after it was found out and known, she boldly declared that she was a mind-reader.

When Bro. A. B. Palmer, of Bangor, Mich., who was one of the ministers in attendance at the camp-meeting mentioned, told her that if she would prove it by reading his mind, he would believe in it, she seemed very anxious to get into some convenient place and make the test. So she and her husband, Bros. A. B. Palmer, W. L. Kilpatrick, and a few others stepped inside a small tent; then some of the number called

for me, and when I stepped inside the tent I found them all ready to proceed. She, with a pencil in hand, was seated at a small table upon which lay a sheet of writing paper. Her husband stood at her left side, and a few others were seated round about, in the tent.

Bro. Palmer told the nature of the proposition to us all, and when he stated that he had agreed to believe in spiritualism if she could answer his question which he had in writing, I joined him in the agreement, and at once seated myself near the table, facing her. All were ready, and she was defied in the name of Jesus Christ to perform any of her tricks, or to answer the question asked by Bro. Palmer. She sat staring at us, and about the tent, seeming to be waiting for the spirit to control her hand, for she proposed to answer the question by the old fake of writing, so often resorted to by mediums; but the spirit failed to control her on this occasion. Her husband urged her to go on and answer it, reminding her that we had agreed to believe in it if she did. But the demon spirit by which she was controlled, and which had operated on former occasions, was now in contact with the all-prevailing name of Jesus Christ. She was finally seized with a violent shaking, and became so stifled that she gasped for breath and called on some one to open the tent, so she could get her breath. She finally scribbled a few unintelligible words, which neither she nor her husband could get any sense out of. The failure was so complete that finally in the midst of her husband's urging her to go ahead, she

answered, "I can not do anything." Her husband was so enraged at her, and so disgusted and humbled were they at her complete failure that they both left the camp-ground in a few minutes.

It is evident that they returned to Toledo convinced of at least two facts; i. e., that there is more power in the name of Christ and Christianity than there is in spiritualism and the demon spirits which operate therein; that modern spiritualism has no affinity with this reformation, neither can it be coupled on to it.

We turn from the investigation of spiritualism under the head of soothsaying with this fact established: The Bible is wholly against it, and all who practise it. Know ye, O ye modern soothsayers, that unless you repent of your wicked practises, you will stand condemned by the Bible when you appear before the judgment-seat of Christ.

I next take up the term

NECROMANCY.

In connection with this term I shall reproduce its definition, so we will have its true meaning, or signification fresh in our minds, and thus we shall be the better prepared to understand what is comprehended in it.

First. NECROMANCY, *n.* 1. Properly, one who pretends to foretell events by holding converse with departed spirits. [Exactly what spiritualists pretend to do.] 2. One who uses enchantments, or practises sorcery. The latter is now the more usual sense.

Second. NECROMANCY, *n.* 1. Properly the art of re-

vealing future events by means of a pretended communication with the dead. [This imposture is prohibited. Deut. 18.] 2. Enchantment, conjuration. This is now the more usual sense.

By the definition of the above term it is evident that modern spiritualism, with all its pretended claims of communion with departed spirits, is comprehended; and since it is synonymous with enchantment, sorcery, and conjury, it is perfectly right to decide that whatever the Bible says of them is equivalent to being said of necromancy. So without again referring to those scriptures which use these terms, I shall conclude this point by giving the one text in the Bible containing the term necromancer.

“There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits [mediums], or a wizard, or a *necromancer*.” Deut. 18:10, 11.

It is useless to multiply texts or comment at large, or at length on this scripture, but let it suffice to say, that this, like the previously considered terms, is classed with other bad characters, and is condemned by the Word of God. Hence we are again forced to the conclusion that modern spiritualism, as examined under the term necromancy, stands in opposition to the Bible, to God, and to Christianity, and is the work of the devil.

Let us take another look at this false religion under the head of

MAGICIAN.

Again I deem it advantageous to the reader in this investigation to give the definition in connection with the term. MAGICIAN, *n.* One skilled in magic, one that practises the black art; an enchanter; a necromancer, a sorcerer or sorceress.

Now let us again open the Bible and read: "And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh." Gen. 41:8.

Here is simply a repetition of the fact so repeatedly recorded in the Bible. When such characters come in contact with God and his work, they are unable to act. Why? Simply because God is more powerful than those demon spirits which work in magicians (mediums), and his workings are beyond their reach, or comprehension. It is also seen, by reading the context of the above scripture, that the facts as seen on other occasions are corroborated thereby; namely, that God's true servants can and do do what those practising in the capacity of a medium (magician) can not do.

"And I told this unto the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me." See ver. 24. "Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents; but

Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods." Ex. 7:11,12.

"And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments; and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the Lord had said." ver. 22.

"And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt." Ex. 8:7.

"And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast. Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said." Ex. 8:18, 19.

Here we see that those magicians (ancient mediums), who withstood Moses and Aaron, actually did do some things by their enchantments—satanic power; but in that their rods were swallowed up by Aaron's rod, proves the inferiority of the power by which they operated to that by which Moses and Aaron performed the miracles they wrought. It is also very plainly to be seen by this scripture that after God had suffered those magicians to go far enough to serve his purpose, they utterly failed and could do no more. And more, they frankly acknowledged that the miracles which Moses and Aaron performed were by the finger of God. Also, later, they themselves had to succumb to the power of God manifested through Moses and Aaron, his servants, and share the sufferings brought on the Egyptians by those miracles which God wrought at the hands of

his two servants, becoming victims to the sore plagues.

“And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.” Ex. 9:11.

Alack! Poor magicians (mediums)! Where were their magic arts and spirits of divination now? Why could they not help them in this their time of trouble, and great need? Why did they not call on a magician (healing medium) to cure them of this sore affliction by their enchantments? Ans.—“The finger [power] of God” was against them. Oh, how my soul does praise and magnify the Most High God! Reader, to-day I would rather be a humble servant of Christ backed by the power of the God of heaven, with all the demons of the pit, and those who are possessed by them arrayed against me, than to be a poor spiritualist, duped, and possessed by demons, with the wealth of a Vanderbilt and the Rothchild’s. It is so much better!

“Choose you [for yourself] whom ye will serve.” Hear ye the decision of the Bible. In speaking of the four Hebrew captives, who were servants of God, it says, “And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.” Dan. 1:20.

This explains why it is said that Daniel was the master of the magicians. Let us read: “Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpreta-

tion thereof. But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods [his way of expressing it]: and before him I told the dream, saying, O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof." Dan. 4:7-9.

"There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers." Dan. 5:11.

"Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to show the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king." Dan. 2:2.

But the connection shows that they failed to do so. and when the king's decree to kill them reached Daniel, he said to Arioch, the king's captain, "Why is the decree so hasty from the king?" Arioch explained the matter to Daniel, then Daniel was brought before the king and he asked him if he was able to make his dream known unto him. "Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded can not the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, show unto the king; but there is a God in heaven that re-

vealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these." Dan. 2:27, 28. Then he proceeds to tell the king his dream, and to make known the interpretation thereof.

Again we see by this investigation, the inferiority of spiritualism and its magicians (mediums) to the religion of the Bible and its adherents, and conclude the investigation of modern spiritualism under the head of magicians with the Bible against it in every particular.

The next term I take up is

DIVINATION.

In this investigation I refer to many texts previously used because the term under investigation occurs in them. "There were several sorts of divinations; namely, by water, fire, earth, air; by the flight of birds, and their singing; by lots, by dreams, by the staff or the wand, by the entrails of victims, and by cups. The heathens used many divinations being incited thereto by distrust in God, and the temptations of the devil, who had a great hand in many of their answers. Acts. 16:16."—Alexander Cruden, M. A.

But let us hear what the Bible says: "When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an

observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God. For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so to do." Deut. 18: 9-14.

Why not hearken to them? "Then the Lord said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them; they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of naught, and the deceit of their heart." Jer. 14: 14.

It is clearly seen by this scripture, without much comment, why God gave such strict commands against the diviners, and their divinations. Their pretended prophesying, and divinations were "false," and the "deceit of their hearts."

Let us read farther: "They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, the Lord saith: and the Lord hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, the Lord saith it: albeit I have not spoken?" Ezek. 13: 6, 7.

This is very plain. They are "false prophets," and speak lies because they are controlled by a lying demon spirit. Their modern brethren are very like them, in

their divinations, they claim to call up the spirits of the dead, or departed friends, and converse with them; and by holding converse with their spirits, they claim to be able to foretell events. But they speak lying divinations: it is by evil spirits they divine. They are helped by the devil in their divinations, which are simply heathenish practises, as both Bible and history prove. They were practised by heathen kings, and their subjects, and also such of the Jews as turned aside from the right ways of the Lord, and followed after false divinations, and disobeyed God. This statement is seen to be true and clearly proven by the following scriptures:

“For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use *divinations*: he made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver. [God looks at the heart.] At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to appoint captains, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to appoint battering rams against the gates, to cast a mount, and to build a fort. And it shall be unto them as a false *divination* in their sight, to them that have sworn oaths; but he will call to remembrance the iniquity that they may be taken.” Ezek. 21:21-23.

“And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger. Therefore [for their using *divinations*, etc.] the Lord was very angry [greatly displeased] with Israel, and removed them

out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only." 2 Kin. 17: 17, 18.

In this last quotation it is said that those Jews who used divinations sold themselves to do evil. The question that confronts us is, To whom did they sell themselves? The answer is conclusive—To the devil. No wonder it is said in the Bible, or that God hath decreed, "There shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering *divination* within the house of Israel." Ezek. 12: 24.

One sad fact seen by this text is that divinations were in ancient times flattering. And it is equally as sad a fact that the divinations used by mediums of modern spiritualism are also flattering. All who think that they have had the pleasure of conversing with the spirits of their dead friends are deceived, and flattered, and have only had communion with spirits of devils. That this declaration is true is very clearly proven by the following scripture:

"And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: the same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the Most High God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. And this she did many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour." Acts 16: 16-18.

There is no getting around the truth herein con-

tained. The spirit of divination with which this damsel was possessed was a spirit of the devil. And again I say that whatever has been said by way of comment upon this scripture when used under the head of soothsaying, can truthfully be said of it under the head of divination, which we have proved in this investigation to be a heathen practise, sometimes indulged in by that part of the Jewish people who rebelled against the commandments of God. Also we have proven that God is against it and all who practise it.

Another thing to which I wish to call the attention of the reader is that this heathenish practise was at different periods almost extinguished, or extinct. At such times as the people feared and obeyed God the most, even in ancient Israel, and ancient times, it diminished—decreased, so much so that at one time it seems that the witch of Endor was about all the one left to practise it. But at such times as the people grew more sinful and rebellious against God and his commandments, it increased. It seems to have been almost annihilated at sometimes, and at other times to be extensive and wide reaching.

Beginning with the gospel dispensation, when the demon spirits of divination were cast out by Christ and his faithful followers, and when the true ministers of Christianity faithfully preached that witchcraft is the work of the flesh, and that “they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God,” it fell with all other idolatry before the blazing light of Christianity and the gospel. But when the cause of

Christianity was corrupted by the great apostasy, the spirit of divination began to rear its head; and in the 19th century, looking around for some one in America, who was degraded and far enough from Christianity and all chastity to be used as a medium through which to introduce this demon religion, that licentious character was found in the Fox girls. The same old heathenish practises were introduced and later denominated, "Modern Spiritualism." I scarcely need to say that it has spread rapidly and at present is wide reaching.

But I ask, Why is it so? Ans.—Because of the decline of Christianity in the nominal churches of to-day, among which this "spook religion" of modern spiritualism has dared to lift its head and label itself "Spiritualist Church."

This fact is sufficient to bring a blush upon every professor of Christianity, and cause them for shame to awake to a more diligent service to God. O beloved brothers and sisters, let us betake ourselves to a more zealous discharge of our every Christian duty, proving ourselves "laborers together with God," and never lag until, if possible, we have so faithfully represented the cause of the true Christian religion, and by the help of God so exposed the false religion of modern spiritualism that the spirits of divination will betake themselves to the pit.

With this I close our examination of modern spiritualism under the term of divination, with the former result—The Bible against it in every particular; and, reader, be sure that it will be against it in the day of

judgment. I now take up another term, under which head modern spiritualism comes, and give its definition.

ENCHANTMENT.

ENCHANTMENT, *n.* The act of producing certain wonderful effects by the invocation or aid of demons, or the agency of certain supposed spirits; the use of magic arts, spells or charms; incantation.

Now all that the Bible says of enchantment, is said of all those who produce certain wonderful effects by the invocation, or aid of demons.

“Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their *enchantments*.” “And the magicians of Egypt did so with their *enchantments*: and Pharaoh’s heart was hardened.” Ex. 7:11, 22.

“And the magicians did so with their *enchantments*, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt. And the magicians did so with their *enchantments* to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast.” Ex. 8:7, 18.

By all the above scriptures we see that enchantment is the practise of sorcerers and magicians; hence, all the Bible says about enchantment is equally so relating to those who practise it. So insomuch as the Bible condemns the former, the latter is also condemned thereby.

Read again: “There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an ob-

server of times, or an enchanter, or a witch." Deut. 18:10.

"Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel." Num. 23:23.

"And when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times [to meeting of enchantments—margin], to seek for enchantments." Num. 24:1.

Would to God, if it were possible, I could induce all the world to see the wisdom of their doing likewise; i. e., staying away from the meetings of these modern enchanters—spiritualists. If you do not shun them here is your doom, as it also was of ancient Israel and all others who used enchantments, hear it: "And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger. Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight." 2 Kin. 17:17, 18. See chap. 21: 6.

In Jesus' name I earnestly entreat all who may chance to read this, that have been ensnared by modern enchantments of spiritualism (which are wicked and degrading in every respect) to turn from them and seek deliverance through Jesus' atoning blood. Here is another scripture which proves that enchantments are evil, and provoke God's anger upon all who engage in them. (I give chapter and verse and omit the quotation in full.) 2 Chr. 33:6. They are a great abomination, and will not be able to deliver

those who trust in them from the wrath of God in the day of judgment. Isa. 47:9, 12. Therefore God has commanded all to hearken not unto enchanters. Jer. 27:9.

By these scriptures the reader will see that modern spiritualism, under the head of enchantments, with all of its incantations, is condemned by the Word of God, hence again we have the same result by this investigation as in former ones—The Bible vs. Spiritualism.

There is much more Bible arrayed against this false religion, some of which I shall call the attention of the reader to in the second part of this investigation. But before we turn from this part of our subject I wish to again call the reader's attention to Acts 16:16. The authorized version says the damsel was "possessed with a spirit of divination." If you will look you will see that the margin renders it "spirit of Python." Webster says, PYTHON, from Greek *Puthon*, a dragon, a serpent. PYTHONESS, *n.* a sort of witch; any female supposed to have a spirit of divination.

The Greek terms *Pythonos* and *Pythones* signify dragon, serpent, or Apollo. See Liddell and Scott, Greek Lexicon. "*Pythos* was according to fable, a huge serpent, that had an oracle at mount Parnassus, famous for predicting future events: that Apollo slew this serpent, and hence he was called Pythius, and became celebrated as the foreteller of events; and that all those who either could or pretended to predict future events, were influenced by the spir-

it of Apollo.”—Clark. “Apollyon, the destroyer”—Webster. By these explanations, it is very clear that the spirit of divination, which possessed this damsel, was a demon spirit. I conclude this first part of this investigation of modern spiritualism, under these different terms, with the assertion, in the name of Jesus Christ, that in every point the Bible is squarely and wholly against modern spiritualism, its adherents, and perpetrators, with all their practises in every instance.

It may seem to the reader that I have been somewhat tedious in the foregoing pages of this work, which in a measure, I admit is true. But it has been my aim to be fair in this investigation, and in order to do so I felt it my duty to give every text that contained each term under investigation, which I have endeavored to do, so the reader can see that there is not a single text in the Bible that is in the least degree favorable to this false religion—spiritualism.

PART II.

DOCTRINE OF SPIRITUALISM COMPARED WITH DOCTRINE OF CHRIST, AND MORALS OF SPIRITUALISM.

In the first part of this work I have examined spiritualism and its workings from a Bible standpoint, and thus we are enabled to see it as God looks at it. In this second part I shall look first at the doctrines (teachings) of modern spiritualism, and compare them with the doctrine (teaching) of Christ. Second, the morals of modern spiritualism, and compare them with the true chastity of the gospel, which Christ enjoined upon us.

DOCTRINES.

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with [as with—margin] a hot iron.” 1 Tim. 4:1, 2. “But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine.” Titus 2:1.

In these two scriptures it is seen that there are doctrines of devils, and seducing spirits to propagate them, and that those who give heed to them are they who depart from the faith, and speak lies in hypocrisy; that there is sound doctrine, and that all who

are the servants of Christ are to speak the things which become it.

Now I proceed to set the Bible in array against the doctrine of devils as taught and held by the subjects of modern spiritualism, which, as I have before stated, had its origin in America with the Fox sisters, less than a century ago, and to whose morals I may again refer later. This is about the first we see of this nefarious religion and its practise, since the gospel dispensation, under the name of modern spiritualism. The appellation—modern spiritualism, signifies that its origin is of recent date. Since the gospel dispensation is the last one of this world, “latter times,” see Acts 2:16-18; 1 John 2:18, it is very clear that it is the time in which 1 Tim. 4:1, 2 was to be fulfilled. Hence modern spiritualism is comprehended in this prophecy.

CIRCLES IN THE DARK.

In setting forth the doctrine of spiritualism I shall let the spiritualists and their literature speak for themselves. In doing this I shall quote quite extensively from spiritualist authors and other writers, as well as write what I know of their doctrine myself. It is a known fact to all that their circles are invariably held in the dark. Let them tell us why this is so.

“When Mrs. Cora Hatch was lecturing in Boston, in a trance state, she was asked to explain why it is necessary that the room should be darkened when wonderful phenomena are performed in the presence of certain mediums. The answer returned by the

spirit was as follows: 'The action of light agitates, dissipates, or in some way so disturbs the fluid, gas, magnetism, or whatever the instrumentality be called, which is employed by the spirits in acting upon grosser matter, that they are unable to control and employ it.'—*The Spiritualist* of Aug. 15, 1857, edited and published by A. E. Newton."—Miles Grant.

Now let the Bible tell us why. "And men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." John 3:19. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Eph. 5:11.

Their circles and other proceedings in literal darkness is but a faint comparison of the benighted, darkened condition of their souls; and unless they turn from this awful darkness to Christ's "marvelous light," they will wake up at judgment to find that they are among that number "to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever." Jude 13.

SPIRIT RETURNS.

Again, spiritualism: "I die to-night, and to-morrow I, a spirit come and magnetize you, and then speak, write, act through you. This is spiritualism.—*Spiritual Age*, of April 3, 1858"—Miles Grant.

Bible—"When a few years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return." Job 16:22.

"And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you can not; neither can they pass to us that would come from thence. Then he said,

I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." Luke 16:26-31.

The disembodied spirits of both the righteous and wicked dead, it is seen by this scripture, are where there is no returning to this world—can not, even though there should be requests to do so. If anything in the universe of God would induce him to send the spirits of our deceased friends back to this world, surely this plea would have done it. There is no mistake as to spirits coming, controlling and communing with the operating medium, though there is great deception and much trickery connected with their maneuverings. But what spirits? We have very clearly, and I think, satisfactorily answered this question to the intelligent mind, and proved that they are spirits of devils. The great mistake of all spiritualists, who are held in this deception, consists in their supposing that these "familiar spirits" are their dead friends, instead of being demons, as the Bible shows.

MODUS OPERANDI OF CONTROLLING A MEDIUM.

At a spiritual circle held at the office of the *Banner*

of *Light* in Boston, May 2, 1864, the communicating spirit was asked, 'What is the *modus operandi* of controlling a medium?' The spirit answered: 'As a free intelligence, or spirit, who by nature has no right to the medium's body, my first step is to come and hold communion with the spirit who owns the body. The result of that communion is not transmitted to the external senses of the medium, but to the internal; therefore it is quite as tangible, as real, to the spirit, as it could be to the external. I ask that spirit, Will you yield me up the control of your mortal form for a short time? The answer is generally, I will. . . . The spirit is subjected to the entire control of the predominating spirit. It is, in a word, magnetized by the spirit, held in perfect subjection. And it seems to sleep; and it does sleep, so far as external life is concerned.'"—Miles Grant.

This is proof of the fact that when any one is wholly abandoned to the spirit of the devil, he is possessed and controlled by the same, the spirits themselves being witnesses. I shall now take up several points of doctrine as held and taught not only by spiritualists, but by the communicating spirits themselves.

NO DEATH.

In a spiritual circle held in this town about nine years ago, the communicating spirit said, "I am so glad there is no death." This is a point of doctrine, so far as I know, unanimously taught and held by spiritualists. About two years ago a medium spiritualist of this town said to a brother, whose wife had just

recently died, that “there is no death, and if you people would just believe it you could have the pleasure of talking with your departed friends. My little girl *that is dead* [what contradiction and confusion] comes and plays with her sister every day.” So I label this doctrine spiritualism. Now turn to the Bible, “And as it is appointed unto men once to *die*, but after this the judgment.” Heb. 9:27.

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and *death* by sin; and so *death* passed upon all men, for that all have sinned ” Rom. 5:12.

“But man *dieth*, and wasteth away. yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?” Job 14:10.
“Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is *dead*. Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.” John 11:14, 21. Read 14-39.

“In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.” Mat. 18:16. I deem it useless to multiply texts on this point. How alarmingly strange that any rational human being could be so duped by the devil as to believe such a falsehood as that “there is no death,” with the fact that men and women have been dying ever since the fall of man, confronting them. In a farther investigation of their doctrine we will see, by a few quotations from those who were at one time ensnared thereby (also by what the communicating spirits say), how they hold the Bible,

THE BIBLE NOT A RELIABLE BOOK.

They say, "The Bible is not a reliable book." "In the testimony of a spirit given in the *Banner of Light*, Nov 23, 1861 it is said: 'Many times before we have said that we can not place implicit confidence in that which we find between the lids of the Bible.' " "A spirit, claiming to be Rev John Moore, says: 'My friend asks, Do you believe the Bible? I answer, No; I do not. I can not believe one word of it as the Word of God.' " "Another when speaking of the Bible, says: 'You may not place any confidence in that book. . . I can assure my friend that God had no more to do with writing that book than he had; . . . and do not expect to create any light in the mental world, if you cling to your Bible.' " "A spirit, who claims to be Timothy M. Baker, says, 'I've got folks in Montpelier, and . . . I want them to get my sister where I can talk to her straight as I do to you, and I'll knock her God and Bible into nothing.' "—Miles Grant. This shows spiritualism in its true attitude towards the Bible.

Of course this is the only course we could expect of it, since its whole proceedings and doctrines are against the Bible in every particular. There are scores of facts contained in the Bible to prove it to be God's inspired Word. While spiritualism holds God's Word in such irreverence, we can see how God values his own Word by the following quotations from the same. Also how he expects man to revere

his Word, and how every true Christian does value and revere it.

It is recorded that, "Forever, O Lord, thy *word* is settled in heaven." Psa. 119:89. "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my *words* shall not pass away." Mark 13:31. "Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word." Isa. 66:5. "I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." Psa. 138:2. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psa. 119:105. "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." Psa. 119:130.

"But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." 1 Pet. 1:25 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Tim. 3:16.

"I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word." Psa. 119:101. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee " Psa. 119:11. "This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me." Psa. 119:50.

All this and much more is said in the Bible in favor of the Word of God, which it contains. And we will all be judged by it in the final judgment-day. See John 12:48. Let all the spiritualists take warning.

NO SIN.

Again, spiritualists teach that "there is no sin." "All unrighteousness is sin." 1 John 5:17. "Who-soever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Jas 4:17. "If we say that we have no sin, we [who?—see chap 2:12] deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." 1 John 1:8-10.

The Bible teaches that there is sin; that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23); that "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23); that "whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." John 8:34. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he can not sin, because he is born of God." 1 John 3:9. Through Adam's transgression sin was introduced into the world of mankind "Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Rom. 5:12.

By these scriptures we see that the Bible is against this point of false doctrine.

NO DEVIL.

Spiritualists also teach among other false doctrines that "there is no devil." Of course the demons are very

anxious to have all believe that no such beings exist. What better could we expect of a clan of human beings who are many of them possessed with demons? The bank robber would be glad to convince all bankers that there are no bank robbers in existence, so they would not bolt or lock their doors, vaults, or safes; then they could do their work unhindered. But in this matter the poor duped spiritualists are behind the devils, for they themselves "believe and tremble." Jas. 2:19.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Pet. 5:8.

"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil." 1 John 3:8.

I will not take space here to argue farther the existence of a devil, or try to prove his origin, but beg leave to say that I am not at all inclined to believe the generally accepted idea, that "the devil was once an angel of heaven," or that he was ever anything else but a devil. But this one thing I would ask, If there is no devil, who carries his business on? I should like to know.

CHRIST NO MORE THE SON OF GOD THAN ANY OTHER MAN.

Again, "Man is the son of God as truly as Christ. He is no more the Son of God than was John Howard, or George Washington."—Spiritualism. "Gibson Smith a prominent spiritualist, in giving a synopsis

of his belief, said: 'If Jesus Christ was the Son of the Host High God, so are we every one of us.'—*Banner of Light*, recording a spirit's communication."

By these declarations we see that spiritualism is utterly opposed to Christ as the Son of God. Let us see the Bible and read: "And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." John 1:14, 18.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:16, 17. "Then they that were in the ship came and worshiped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God." Mat. 14:33. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Mat. 16:16.

"And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Mat. 3:17. "While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." Mat. 17:5.

"Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God." Mat. 27:54.

In these scriptures we see that both God and

man own Jesus to be God's Son; even those who were his enemies who were present at the crucifixion acknowledged him to be the Son of God; and more, it is recorded that evil spirits confessed him to be the Son of God. "When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God Most High? I beseech thee, torment me not." Luke 8:28. Read verses 26-33.

Here we see spiritualists again in the rear of devils in that they acknowledged Christ to be the Son of God, and spiritualists deny his being the Son of God.

"Said a lecturer, with whom I am personally acquainted: 'I pity you if you depend on the old, . . . miserable body and blood and bones of that Jesus Christ for salvation.' Does this sound like Christianity, or like demonism?"—Miles Grant. I unhesitatingly answer, Like demonism.

GOD IS MAN, AND MAN IS GOD.

Hear them farther in their doctrine: "Man is God." "God is man, and man is God." "The being called God exists, organically in the form of the being called man."—Educator, pp. 680, 526, 33. "There is no God existing as a person." "A spirit calling himself Orland Jenks, says: 'If I was coming back to preach, I should say, Don't believe in God; the idea of a God of illimitable capacity is so incomprehensible, that, in our judgment, it borders on the absurd: God, in the abstract, is a nonentity—an ideality of man's brain.'"—*Spiritual Telegram*, Jan. 24, 1857.

By these declarations spiritualism would force us, as it has the majority of its members, to conclude that there was no Christ (the Son of God), no God, and that man himself also is a nonentity; for if "man is God," and "God is man," and "there is no God," as they would have us believe, the conclusion is inevitable—both God and man are nonentities.

When it becomes necessary to prove to any class of human beings that God and man are realities, it makes the writer think of the course to be pursued by the missionaries in order to Christianize the poor heathen.

Among the hundreds of texts in the Bible, I am somewhat at a loss to decide which ones to use, as I desire to be as brief as practical on this point. But let us open the Bible and read: "Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one." Gal. 3:20. "We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you." Col. 1:3. "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." 1 Cor. 8:6.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Gen. 1:1. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the

image of God created he him; male and female created he them." ver. 26, 27.

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Num. 23: 19.

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and say, Destroy them." Deut. 33: 27. O ye spiritualists, hear ye, "Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man." Job 33: 12.

We see in these few scriptures the voice of the Bible on this point—"One God," who is the Father of the "one Lord Jesus Christ," and we (man) are "of" and "by" them; they created us in their "own image." And again, that *God is not a man*, but is *eternal*. So I must say to all spiritualists and communicating spirits of devils, "Behold in this thou art not just: I will answer thee that *God is greater than man*."

Now, dear reader, what can we conclude from the doctrine of spiritualism, and these quotations from the Bible, than that the Bible is against spiritualism. and that spiritualism is not only antichrist, and antichristian, but is antigod, and by its reasoning it is also against the entity of man. I conclude this point by calling the reader's attention to one more text, which shows emphatically that spiritualists are behind even devils on this point, for they believe there is but one God, and spiritualists do not. "Thou believest that there is *one God*; thou doest well: the

devils also believe and tremble.” Jas. 2:19. See Mark 12:32.

NO RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD—CHRIST IS NOT RAISED.

Hear them again in their false doctrine: “There is no resurrection of the dead.” “Christ is not raised.” “A spirit says: But the question arises, What became of the body of Jesus? We answer, The friends of Jesus stole away the body. . . . So then we will say the natural body of Jesus Christ was never reanimated after the crucifixion. All nature, our God, [and yet they say that there is no God. Shame!] tells us so.”

When we look at the Bible we will see that they are enemies to Christ and Christianity and are propagating the same old falsehood that was made up by those who crucified the Son of God. “And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor’s ears, we will persuade him and secure you.” Mat. 28:12-14.

Here again, they show by their doctrine that they are worse opposers of the doctrine of Christ than those heretics spoken of by Paul when he said: “Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is passed already; and overthrow the faith of some.” 2 Tim. 2:18. And equal with those anti-christ Sadducees, who opposed Christ and said: “There is no resurrection. And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know

not the Scriptures, neither the power of God? for when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage." Mark 12:18, 24, 25.

"And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust." Acts 24: 15.

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures: and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: after that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time." 1 Cor. 15: 3-8.

"Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead. how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of

all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man [Adam] came death, by man [Christ] came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." ver. 12-23.

"But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or some other grain." ver. 35-37.

"So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body." ver. 42-44. Read also ver. 50-55.

"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Mat. 28:6. Read also ver. 1-5. See corroborating texts Mark 16:5, 6; Luke 24:3-6. "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." Mat. 27:52, 53.

"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his

voice, and shall come forth [all that are in the graves, in one hour] ; they that have done good [justly], unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil [unjustly], unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28, 29.

It is very clearly seen by these scriptures that when modern spiritualism assails this doctrine of the Bible and asserts that "there is no resurrection of the dead" and that "Christ did not rise," but that "his friends stole away his body," they not only assail and deny the most important point of doctrine in the Bible, but show that the spirit they are of is the spirit of anti-christ and identifies them with those who crucified the Lord Jesus. It also proves that they are controlled by the same spirit by keeping up the same falsehood.

The doctrine of a general resurrection of the dead both of the just and the unjust, which will come to pass at the end of the world (see 1 Cor. 15:23, 24), and which will be followed with an immortality of body and soul reunited and a state either of happiness or misery, is indeed a principal article of religion in common to the Jew and the Christian, and is very definitely taught in the Old and New Testaments.

"The resurrection is a doctrine unknown to the wisest heathens, and peculiar to the gospel. Some glimmerings they had of the soul's immortality, but no knowledge of the reviving of the body. But reason assists faith in this point, both as to the will of God, and his power for the performing it."—Cruden.

Here we see that modern spiritualism defies and de-

thrones all reason and boldly denies the resurrection of the dead, notwithstanding their claim at some times, and by some of the operating spirit mediums, to be Christians, and that "the spiritualism of the present day is that which Jesus preached eighteen centuries ago." Again, I assert in Jesus' name, on the authority of the Bible, and based on their own doctrine, that spiritualism is antichrist, antichristian. Hear them again.

MAN HIS OWN JUDGE.

"Man is his own judge." "Within the bosom of every man and woman there is a judgment-seat, a throne of God, and before that, and that alone, should men bow down and worship. By that alone they are to be guided. He is to be judged by himself as a spirit; he is to come before no other tribunal. If, by the law of self, he is condemned, he must suffer according to the condemnation; if acquitted by self, he is indeed acquitted."—Spiritualism.

That God is the judge of all mankind, and all shall stand at the judgment-seat of Christ, and appear before his tribunal, I will let the Word of God prove.

"Shall not the judge of all the earth do right? And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes." Gen. 18:25, 26. "God is a righteous judge." Marginal reading of Psalms 7:11. "And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah." Psalms 50:6. "But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up an-

other." Psalms 75:7. "I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous, and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work." Ecclesiastes 3:17.

"And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead." Acts 10:42. "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and kingdom." 2 Timothy 4:1. "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel." Romans 2:16.

"For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son." John 5:22. "But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. And thinkest thou this, O man, . . . that thou shalt escape the judgments of God?" Romans 2:2, 3. "But ye are come unto mount Zion, . . . and to God the Judge of all." Hebrews 12:22, 23. "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment-seat of Christ." Romans 14:10. Why? Ans.—"For we must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." 2 Corinthians 5:10.

"For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Ecclesiastes 12:14. "Marriage is honorable in

all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.”—Bible.

Again, by the Bible we have weighed the doctrine of spiritualism in the balances with the usual result—It is “found wanting.”

MAN HIS OWN SAVIOR.

“Man is his own savior.” “In answer to the question, ‘Did not Christ die, that through his death we might inherit eternal life?’ a spirit answered: ‘No. Christ did not die, that through his death we might live. . . . His death has no more to do with the remission of sins than the death of any of the martyrs.’ ” Says a spirit: “No man should rely upon any savior outside of himself. . . . Each and every one is a savior, as he is a judge—a god.”—Spiritualism.

I shall give a few Scriptural proofs that spiritualism, on this point, is in direct opposition to the Bible doctrine. “This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.” 1 Tim. 1: 15.

“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.” Heb. 2: 9.

“And for this cause he is the mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.” Heb. 9: 15.

“For when we were yet without strength, in due

time Christ died for the ungodly." Rom. 5:6. "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." 1 Cor. 15:3.

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him." 1 Thes. 5:9, 10.

O ye antichrists, hear the Word of God: "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:10-12.

Thus the reader will see that the Bible is against the doctrine of the Christ dishonoring institution of modern spiritualism, and will stand against, and condemn them to all eternity with that class, of which it says, "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." Jude 4.

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon

themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." 2 Pet. 2:1, 2.

I conclude this point, and leave the reader to decide without further comment, with another quotation, "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son." 1 John 2:22. This is exactly what spiritualists do, and "they themselves are witnesses."

CHRIST WILL NOT COME PERSONALLY.

"Christ will not come personally." "Said Leo Miller, in a discourse in Boston, 'We behold in spiritualism the second coming of the spirit of Jesus of Nazareth.'"—Spiritualism.

So far as I know all the communicating spirits and spiritualists deny the second personal coming of Christ. This is another mark, or proof that they are antichrist.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:3. "And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:10, 11.

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the

earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Mat. 24:30. See also Mark 13:26; Luke 21:27. "And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come." 1 Thes. 1:10. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." 1 Thes. 4:16.

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." Rev. 1:7. "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Rev. 22:12, 20.

"Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; and to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day." 2 Thes. 1:6-10.

There is nothing more clear than that these

scriptures teach the second personal coming of Christ, and again modern spiritualism is proved to be anti-christ and antibible in its doctrine.

“Soon the archangel’s trumpet,
Shall shake this earth from pole to pole,
And all the wheels of nature,
Shall in a moment cease to roll.
Then I shall see my Savior,
With shining trains of angels come,
To execute his vengeance,
And take his ransomed people home.”

“Good Lord, what bitter groans and cries,
What thunders rolling through the skies!
Poor sinners sinking to despair,
While saints go shouting through the air.”

“Wives and husbands then be parted,
Some to heaven, and some to hell!
Parents, children, servants, masters,
Then must take their last farewell.”

THE MORALS OF SPIRITUALISM.

I have come to the last point in my investigation of modern spiritualism. In the foregoing part of this work I have quoted some from other authors, and largely from their own literature and the teachings of communicating spirits, mediums, and lecturers, as recorded by spiritualists. On the point now under investigation I shall give much of their own teachings and a few testimonies from competent witnesses.

“Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.” Heb. 13:4.

It is a fact generally acknowledged among spiritualists, and pretty generally known by the public, that free-loveism is a very prominent feature of spiritualism. The writer of this little volume knows of more than one case where the spirits have, it is said, given instruction which has caused the separation of husband and wife, and left, in some cases, innocent children exposed to disgrace. “Affinity seeking” husbands have abandoned their wives with whom they have lived happy for years, and vice versa.

Several years ago, while on the camp-ground of the Church of God, on John Harris’ farm, two miles north of Bangor, Van Buren Co., Mich., I saw a poor man sitting with his back against a tree looking so woe-begone and forlorn that it made me feel like making some inquiry into his troubles, and administer com-

fort if I was able. I ventured, thinking he might be under deep conviction on account of the lost condition of his soul, which is not an uncommon thing on a holiness camp-ground.

Here are the facts, and cause of his trouble, as I learned them from his own lips: He was a married man, had lived happily with his wife for some years, and God had blessed them with a daughter. They lived in a community of spiritualists, and she at last was told in a circle of spiritualists, by a communicating spirit, "that there was more affinity between her and another gentleman(?) than there was between her and her husband. She left her husband, in spite of all his entreaties, and went off with the man named by the spirit, and dragged her daughter to ruin with her. "And," said he, "they are here on this camp-ground, and just walked past here before you began to talk to me. There they come," and he pointed them out to me in the surging crowd near by.

He continued, "I was just meditating when you came up, which I would do: kill myself, or them, and and I have a notion to do it now." He was so enraged as they passed by that I was scarcely successful in persuading him to abandon such wicked thoughts, and endeavored to show him the folly of thinking of such a crime.

If that poor man yet lives, and this by chance should fall into his hands, I would say to him, I have briefly rehearsed that conversation and circumstance as best I could from memory for the purpose

of crying out against such abominations. I here say, that that man and all others who are in such trouble, whether man or woman, have my sympathy.

I now proceed to show by their own testimonies how they disregard holy matrimony as taught in the Scriptures. They say, "Marriage is an outrage on freedom." In the next few pages I give a few testimonies as they are recorded in a small pamphlet by Miles Grant.

"Dr. B. F. Hatch, who was the former husband of Mrs. Cora N. Hatch, afterwards Mrs. Daniels, a noted trance speaking medium, with whom he traveled extensively while she was yet his wife and was lecturing on spiritualism, says: 'The extensive opportunity which I have had of learning its nature and results I think will enable me to lay just claims to being a competent witness in the matter. I am aware that what I have to say will offend many who are less acquainted with the whole phenomena than myself, and such as may feel themselves involved, while it will please others; but it is for neither purpose that I write, but that the inexperienced may more fully comprehend the danger attending it.

"I am frequently asked if I still believe in the phenomena of spiritualism. I answer, Yes. I should deem it more than a waste of time to write about what does not exist. . . . But through it all, I believe that there is a powerful influx of an infernal error into nearly all mediumistic minds, which greatly corrupts the moral sensibility and proves almost universally most disastrous to its victims. I have heard much

of the improvement in individuals in consequence of a belief in spiritualism. With such I have had no acquaintance, but I have known many whose integrity of character and uprightness of purpose rendered them worthy examples to all around, but who, on becoming mediums, and giving up their individuality, also gave up every sense of honor and decency.

“A less degree of severity in this remark will apply to a large class of both mediums and believers. There are thousands of high-minded and intelligent spiritualists, who will agree with me that it is no slander in saying that the inculcation of no doctrine in this country has ever shown such disastrous moral and social results as the spiritual theories. . . . Iniquities which have justly received the condemnation of centuries are openly upheld; vices which would destroy every wholesome regulation of society are crowned as virtues; prostitution is believed to be fidelity to self; marriage an outrage on freedom; love evanescent, and, like the bee, should sip the sweets wherever found; bastards are claimed to be spiritually begotten.

“All change, of whatever nature, is believed to be an improvement, as there is no retrogression. Iniquity is only the effervescence of the outworkings of a heavenly destiny. God is shorn of his personality and becomes simply a permeating principle; the Bible a libel on common sense, and Christ a mere medium, hardly equal to the spiritual babies of ‘this more progressive age.’ [*Shame! Shame!*]

“With such doctrine before us, what have we to hope? . . . The most damning iniquities are every-

where perpetrated in spiritual circles, a very small percentage of which ever comes to public attention. I care not whether it be spiritual or mundane, the facts exist, and should demand the attention and just condemnation of an intelligent community. . . . The abrogation of marriage, bigamy, accompanied by robbery, theft, rapes, are all chargeable to spiritualism. I most solemnly affirm that I do not believe that there has, during the past five hundred years, arisen any class of people who were guilty of so great a variety of crimes and indecencies as the spiritualists of America.

“For a long time I was swallowed up in its whirlpool of excitement, and comparatively paid but little attention to its evils, believing that much good might result from the openings of the avenues of spiritual intercourse. But during the past eight months I have devoted my attention to a critical investigation of its moral, social, and religious bearing, and I stand appalled before the revelations of its awful and damning realities, and would flee from its influence as I would from the miasma which would destroy both soul and body. Spiritualism and prostitution, with a rejection of Christianity, are twin sisters, which everywhere go hand in hand. With but little inquiry, I have been able to count up over seventy mediums, most of whom have wholly abandoned their conjugal relations, others living with their paramours called ‘affinities,’ others in promiscuous adulteries, and still others exchanged partners. Old men and women, who have

passed the meridian of life, are not unfrequently the victims of this hallucination.

“Many of the mediums lose all sense of moral obligations, and yield to whatever influence may for the time be brought to bear upon them. Their pledges, the integrity of their oaths, are no more reliable than the shifting breezes of the whirlwind, for they are made to yield to the powers which for the time control them.”

These are some of the awful abominations of spiritualism, which it is useless for spiritualists to attempt to deny. These are some of the heathenish practices comprehended in what they style “the beautiful philosophy of modern spiritualism.” No wonder that such as the above is the moral condition of spiritualists. Listen to the doctrine by Dr. T. L. Nichols, a distinguished spiritualist.

He says: “Spiritualism meets, neutralizes, and destroys Christianity. A spiritualist is no longer a Christian in any popular sense of the term. Advanced spirits do not teach . . . the atonement of Christ; nothing of the kind.”—*Nichols' Monthly Magazine of Social Science and Progressive Literature*, for Nov. 1854, p. 66.

When we consider that the above is from “far advanced” spiritualists, we must conclude or admit that they are well qualified to testify. You ask, Why? I answer—Because they have seen and heard and experienced for themselves. All of these testimonies, and facts as we see and hear everywhere in modern spiritualism of to-day force us to the conclusion, and

correspond with the position we have taken; that is modern spiritualism is of the devil, originated with him, and his angels, and demons are the spirits of communication which operate the mediums, and that are claimed to be the spirits of our dead friends. Hence, the low morals that exist in it.

The following is a testimony, and a few extracts from a sermon preached by Dr. P. B. Randolph in Clinton hall, New York, on Sunday, Nov. 21, 1858, and published in the *New York Tribune*, in the same year he left, but was afterward drawn back into spiritualism again. "For nearly ten years have I been seeking rest for my weary soul. But rest came not until I sought it earnestly at the family altar, surrounded by those whom, in the delirium of mad philosophy, I thought were not for me, but whom I subsequently found dearer, nearer, truer, than all the world beside. . . . Spiritualism is all eye and head, no soul and heart; all intellect, no emotions; all philosophy, no religion [pure and undefiled]; all spirit, no God! And even the social reformatory movement has dwindled down into prostitutional nurseries. I enter the arena as the champion of common sense, against what in my soul I believe to be the most tremendous enemy of God, morals and religion, that ever found foothold on earth; the most seductive, hence most dangerous form of sensualism that ever cursed a nation, age or people.

"I was a medium about eight years, during which time I made three thousand speeches, and traveled over several countries, proclaiming the new gospel

(spiritualism). I now regret that so much excellent breath was wasted, and that my health of mind and body was wellnigh ruined. I have only begun to regain both since I totally abandoned it, and to-day I had rather see the cholera in my house than be a spiritual medium. . . . In a moment of despair, . . . with dreadful intent, I severed the blood-vessels of both arms in four places. Chance led a man to approach me ere the lamp of life had quite gone out, and by superhuman exertion I was saved. All this I charge to demonism and the infernal doctrines taught by many invisibles. . . . The antibible, antigod, antichristian spiritualism, I had perfectly demonstrated to be subversive, unrighteous, destructive, disorderly, and irreligious; consequently to be shunned by every true follower of God and holiness. . . .

“For seven years I held daily intercourse with what purported to be my mother’s spirit. I am now firmly persuaded that it was nothing but an evil spirit, and infernal demon, who in that guise gained my soul’s confidence, and led me to the very brink of ruin. . . . Five of my friends destroyed themselves, and I attempted it by direct spiritual influence.

“Every crime in the calendar has been committed by mortals moved by viewless beings. Adultery, fornication, suicides, desertions, unjust divorces, prostitution, abortion, insanity, are not evil, I suppose! I charge all these to this scientific spiritualism. . . . It has banished peace from happy families, separated husbands and wives, and shattered the intellect of thousands. . . . It is godless, irreligious, opposed to the

Bible, and all ecclesiastical organization. It is subversive of human dignity and public morals; is destructive of all we hold most dear and cherish most sacred. It robs us of faith in Christ without giving us a substitute. It robs us of our refuge of religion, and cultivates intellect at the expense of the heart."

"I have a volume of sixty closely written pages, of names of those who have been drawn down from respectability, morality, wealth, and intelligence to the filth of free-love, poverty, and to insanity itself. Spiritualism is a synonym of all falsities and lies; a cloak for all kinds of crimes—adultery, murder, and lust; it weakens man's intellect and individuality; changes his worship of God to a worship of ghosts."

This from Dr. Randolph, was published in the *Banner of Light*, a leading spiritualistic paper.

The mass of spiritualists in a degree, and all mediums know full well, that these statements set spiritualism in its true light, and show its true moral condition. This is what spiritualism was a few decades ago. I assure the reader that it has not reformed in the least, but, on the contrary, it has naturally grown, or become more abominable, more licentious.

The next testimony that I shall call the reader's attention to is that of Mr. Joel Tiffany. He was a champion in spiritualism, and as well prepared, probably, as any man to speak intelligently upon the subject. He says in part:

"After all of our investigation for seven or eight

years, we must say that we have as much evidence that they are lying spirits as we have that there are any spirits at all. . . . The doctrines they teach . . . are mostly contradictory and absurd. . . . There are those . . . who have become and are becoming victims to a sensual philosophy, under the influence of what is termed spiritualism. . . . Spiritualism in a very large class of minds tends to beget a kind of moral and religious atheism.”

Next I give, as it was reported in the *London Advertiser*, the testimony of a Swedenborgian minister, who became a spiritualist and lectured in Europe. He said:

“The marriage vow imposes no obligation in the views of spiritualists. Husbands who have for years been so devotedly attached to their wives, that they have said that nothing in the world but death itself could part them, have abandoned their wives, and formed criminal connection with other females, because the spirits have told them that there was a greater spiritual affinity between these husbands and certain other women, than between them and their lawful wives. Wives, too, the most devoted and loving and true to their husbands, that have ever contracted the marriage obligation, have left their husbands and children, and lived in open immorality with other men, because the spirits have told them that they ought to do so on the ground of there being a greater spiritualist sympathy between them and these men, than between them and their husbands.”—T. L. Harris.

When we take a look into the Bible and hear its

voice on these sacred points we will see more clearly that nothing but antichrist, demon spirits would ever lead men and women to so maliciously ignore the bonds of sacred matrimony. These spirits are just what the inspired apostle calls them—"seducing spirits." They profess to be Christian in many instances, but most emphatically they are antichrist. They never lead any one to Christ or Christianity, but lead thousands away from him and into infidelity.

Here is the testimony of one Mr. J. F. Whitney, who edited the *New York Pathfinder*. He very warmly advocated spiritualism formerly, and published much in its favor. Hear him on the witness stand:

"Now after a long and constant watchfulness, seeing for months and years its progress and its practical workings upon its devotees, its believers, and its mediums, we are compelled to speak our honest convictions, which is, that the manifestations coming through the acknowledged mediums, who are designated as rapping, tipping, writing, and entranced mediums, have a baneful influence upon believers, and create discord and confusion; that the generality of these teachings inculcate false ideas, approve of selfish, individual acts, and endorse theories and principles, which, when carried out, debase and make them little better than the brute."

He farther says, in speaking of its progress, "Seeing as we have the gradual progress it makes with its believers, particularly its mediums, from lives of morality to those of sensuality and immorality, gradually and cautiously undermining the **foundation**

of good principles, we look back with amazement to the radical change which a few months will bring about in individuals."

He concludes by saying: "We desire to send forth our warning voice; and if my humble position as the head of a public journal, our known advocacy of spiritualism, our experience, and the conspicuous part we have played among its believers; the honesty and fearlessness with which we have defended the subject, will weigh anything in our favor, we desire that our opinions may be received, and those who are moving passively down the rushing rapids to destruction, should pause, ere it be too late, and save themselves from the blasting influence which these manifestations are causing."

I scarce deem it necessary to call our readers to observe the appalling fact which is so clearly shown by the foregoing witnesses—that modern spiritualism is very immoral and licentious, especially in its attitude toward matrimony. This is apparent to all. Let us examine the testimonies of some other witnesses on this point and then I shall turn to the Bible. I shall omit some of the resolutions on this point, presented and adopted, with but little discussion, in different spiritualist conventions. But here is one I will call your attention to, as I feel it is of too great importance at this point to be omitted. I give it as it was reported in the *Banner of Light*.

One Mrs. Julia Branch, of New York, said, while speaking on the resolution presented to the convention of spiritualists: "I am aware that I have chosen

almost a forbidden subject; forbidden from the fact that any one who can or dare look the marriage question in the face, candidly and openly denouncing the institution as the sole cause of woman's degradation and misery, are objects of suspicion, of scorn, and opprobrious epithet." (Well might they be.)

In the defense of the resolution, and rights of women, she said: "She must demand her freedom: her right to receive the equal wages of man in payment for her labor, her right to have children when she will, and by whom."

It is an established, and well-known fact recorded in the history of spiritualism, that they, in an earlier day established an institution at Berlin Heights, O., in which they adopted free-love as the law of marriage. An article was found in the *Age of Freedom*, published there, denouncing marriage as an "odious monopoly of the opposite sex," and hoping for a total abolition of the institution (marriage) and that "men and women be brought together according to passional attraction."

This would mean nothing more nor less than indiscriminate and debasing lust—a promiscuous running together like brute beasts, adultery and fornication. And were their resolutions unanimously adopted, the family, or domestic circle, which is the most sacred place on earth, would be a thing of the past. Many more children would be born into the world with one mother, and each one a different father, and but few brothers and sisters in the world, and this world would be one awful house of ill-fame and prostitution.

Virtue would be ignored, and virtuous mothers and their daughters be ravished and raped on every hand.

Miles Grant says, "*The Detroit Free Press* gives an account of a young married lady of that city, who, through the influence of a female relative, acting under the inspiration of the 'harmonial philosophy,' was induced to abandon her husband and go with her to the free-love community at Berlin Heights, O. Her husband did not ascertain for several weeks whither she had fled. When he learned where she had gone he was greatly distressed, but went at once for her, and found her perfectly willing to go home. She had seen quite enough of free-love.

"When there she found the marvelous 'love cure,' but another name for all that is degrading and loathsome to virtuous and high-minded women. Low-bred familiarities with vulgar, fanatical men; companionship with women who deem themselves elevated above humanity in becoming the victims of their own and their companions' lusts, and a close familiarity with a brutish, criminal enjoyment, which was the highest sphere aimed at in this delectable community, were what she was obliged to submit to."

Here are a few extracts from a letter of Mrs. Annie Hunter (June 5, 1858), the wife of the man (beast), who founded the institution of ill-fame at Berlin Heights, O

"Mr Editor: I saw an article in the *Ashtabula Telegram* a few days since taken from your paper, giving an account of the rescue of a young and lovely woman by her husband from the den of infamy at

Berlin. I do not know the name of the lady, nor her husband, but my earnest prayer to God is, that she may never be led into such a temptation again, nor brought to know the depths of sorrow and degradation which that same infamous creed has brought upon me. Let her thank the kind Providence that she is restored to the arms of a loving and kind-hearted husband, and is not at this moment, as I am, a deserted and heart-stricken wife and mother, dependent upon my daily labor for the pittance which supports my little ones, and keeps starvation from our door

“My husband was founder of the Berlin free-love institution. He has been a believer in that free-love doctrine for about three years. A year ago or more he left home, ostensibly upon business, but he only roamed about in search of free-love companions; having found a small number, he took them to Berlin and founded the infamous den of lust which now exists there. He left me with three little children to provide for, and nothing to do it with but my hands. I have stood for four days in the week over the wash tub, laboring until my strength has many a time given away entirely, for the sake of a little money with which to feed my children.”

What man or woman who has a human heart in them will not raise up in the virtue of their manhood, or womanhood and cry out against such an abomination, and feel a deep sympathy for those who thus suffer on account of the awful whirlpool of infamy—modern spiritualism?

In a spiritualist convention at Ravenna, O., July

4 and 5, 1857, Mrs. Lewis said that to confine her to love one man was an abridgement of her rights; that although she had one husband in Cleveland, she considered herself married to the whole human race. All men were her husbands, and she had an undying love for them. "What business," said she, "is it to the world whether one man is the father of my children, or ten men are? I have a right to say who shall be the father of my offsprings."

I shall denominate this, spiritualism gone to seed. I have before in this volume referred to a book of 680 pages, called the "Educator." In defense of the fact that the author of this book had become the father of an illegitimate child, the defender said, "It is reserved for this our day, under the inspiration of the spirit world, for a quiet, equitable, retiring woman, to rise up in the dignity of her womanhood, and declare in the face of her opposers and a scowling world, *I will be free*. . . . And no man, or set of men, no church, no state, shall withhold from me the realization of that purest of all aspirations inherent in every true woman, the right to re-beget myself when, and by whom, and under such circumstances, as to me seems fit and best."—*Spiritual Telegram*.

In this spiritualism ignores God, the Bible, Christ's teachings, all virtue, man, church, and state—law.

I will give another testimony as evidence of the moral tendency of spiritualism, by Dr. Wm. B. Potter. In an article from his pen, which he headed, "Astounding Facts," he said: "We have through our own mediumship and that of others, had 'spirit manifesta-

tions,' which the most careful and rigidly scientific investigations have shown, beyond all doubt or possibility of mistake to be of spirit origin. Fifteen years of critical study of spiritual literature, an extensive acquaintance with the leading spiritualists, and a patient, systematic and thorough investigation of the manifestations, for many years, enable us to speak from actual knowledge, definitely and positively of 'spiritualism as it is.'

"Spiritual literature is full of the most insidious and seductive doctrines, calculated to undermine the very foundation of morality and virtue, and lead to the most unbridled licentiousness.

"We are told that 'we must have charity'; that it is wrong to blame any one; that we must not expose iniquity, as 'it will harden the guilty'; that 'none should be punished'; that 'man is a machine and not to blame for his conduct'; that 'there is no high, no low, no good, no bad'; that 'sin is a lesser degree of righteousness'; that 'nothing we can do can injure the soul or retard its progress'; that 'those who act the worst will progress the fastest'; that 'lying is right, slavery is right, murder is right, adultery is right'; that 'whatever is is right.' That sexual union is necessary for health and development; that it is a great help to mediums to get 'spiritual elements,' but if the parties are not adapted, it is a great injury and 'an awful wrong'; that 'as persons develop they become unadapted, and poison each other'; that '*variety* is more productive of mental and physical development.'

‘Hardly can you find a spiritual book, paper, lecture or communication, that does not contain some of these pernicious doctrines, in disguise, if not openly. Hundreds of families have been broken up, and many affectionate wives deserted by ‘affinity seeking’ husbands. Many once devoted wives have been seduced, and have left their husbands, and tender helpless children, to follow some ‘higher attraction.’

“Many well-disposed but simple-minded girls, have been deluded by ‘affinity’ notions and led off by ‘affinity hunters,’ to be deserted in a few months, with blasted reputations, or led to deeds more dark and criminal, to hide their shame

‘It is a notorious fact, that leading teachers, noted mediums and popular speakers, have deserted companions, obtained divorces, gone off with ‘affinities,’ or practised promiscuous intercourse to get ‘spiritual elements,’ or to ‘impart vital magnetism for the cure of diseases.’ The outside world has no just conception of the folly free-love, and licentiousness among spiritualists; especially on the part of ‘healing’ and ‘developing mediums.’ We could give the names of hundreds, but for the present we spare them”

Oh, may it please “the Judge of all the earth” to bless this little volume to the deliverance of many men and women from the power of the devil, and this awful whirlpool of licentiousness, before too late. Dr. Potter continues to say:

“At the national convention of spiritualists at Chicago, called to consider the question of a national organization, the only plan approved by its committee

especially provided that no charge should ever be entertained against any member, and that any person, without any regard for moral character, might become a member. Notorious free-lovers and libertines have been especial and honored correspondents of spiritualistic papers. Conventions of spiritualists have accepted as delegates, and elected to office well-known, persistent, habitual libertines. The late national convention of spiritualists at Philadelphia, through its committee, refused to even read a proposition to dis-fellowship known libertines, but formed a permanent, national organization with annual delegated conventions, from which the lowest and most beastly licentiousness shall not exclude any one."

In his work entitled, "Spiritualism as It Is," speaking of the tendencies of spiritualism, Dr. Potter says: "So strong has been the free-love tendency, and so numerous and influential media, speakers, and spiritualists of free-love proclivities and practise, that we do not know of a single spiritualist paper, that has paid expenses, that has not had their assistance, and promulgated their doctrines. One of the oldest, if not the most influential paper, has several noted free-lovers and libertines as special and honored correspondents.

"Parting husbands and wives is one of the notorious tendencies of spiritualism. The oldest and most influential teacher of spiritualism has two wives, each of whom he encouraged to get divorced before he married them. When one of the most eloquent trance speakers left her husband, he came out and stated

that he knew sixty cases of media leaving companions. We heard one of the most popular impressional speakers say to a large audience, that she was compelled by spirits to secede from a husband with whom she was living very happily.

"We lately heard a very intellectual, eloquent and popular normal speaker say, in an eloquent address to a large convention of spiritualists, that 'he would to God that it had parted twenty, where it had parted one.' In short, wherever we go, we find this tendency in spiritualism."—*Spiritualism as It Is*, pp. 10, 11.

On page 20 of the same work he says: "After years of careful investigation, we are compelled, much against our inclinations, to admit that more than half our traveling media, speakers, and prominent spiritualists, are guilty of immoral and licentious practices, that have justly provoked the abhorrence of all right-thinking people."

I might herein give many more testimonies from spiritualists themselves but feel it unnecessary, at least for the present. With all these well-attested facts before us, by those very competent witnesses, who speak from actual experience, and from very extensive observation can the candid reader see in the morals of modern spiritualism, the slightest resemblance of Christianity? I have given the testimonies of leading spiritualists, and mediums themselves, to prove the moral condition of spiritualism; and on the strength of their own testimonies, and open acknowledgments, I sum it up in the following terms: FORNICATION, ADULTERY, LICENTIOUSNESS, PROSTITU-

TION and ILL FAME, FREE-LOVEISM, BIGAMY, and DEMON WORSHIP, which ignore all virtue and chastity; and label this SPIRITUALISM

Before I turn to the Bible, I wish to say, that I have not said very much about my personal knowledge of the morals of spiritualism, deeming it more practical to give their own testimonies of the facts. I will add here that as far as my knowledge by observation and investigation of the morals of modern spiritualism is concerned, I assure the reader that the picture is not overdrawn, nor too dark. I have solicited and will publish herein a few testimonies of recent date, of those who have been saved from the demon worship of modern spiritualism, and thus made their escape

So far as I know, all those who are very far advanced in what they call, "the beautiful philosophy of modern spiritualism" make no attempt to deny the foregoing facts. I frankly admit that there are those of my neighbors, as well as a very few of those in other localities where spiritualism has gained a foothold that are deceived as yet by the "seducing spirits," and do not know the depths of its immoralities, and yet think it a pretty good thing. To all such who chance to read this book, let me say that the object of this work is to enable you to see spiritualism as it is, and to induce you if possible to make your escape from the awful infamy and disgrace that inevitably awaits you and yours if you continue therein. Do not say, it is not quite so bad, for I have simply given you their own acknowledgments. It

would be worse than folly for you to conclude that it is not so debasing as they themselves declare it to be.

Dear reader, dare you risk your immortal soul's eternal all, and destiny, on a false religion, whose devotees themselves declare it to be extremely licentious in its morals?

Now let us open the Bible and see the standard of morals taught therein. Relating to conjugal ties it says: "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." Heb. 13:4.

We are enabled by this text to see how God looks at the conjugal relation, and those who ignore it.

"But if they can not contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn." 1 Cor. 7:9. "I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully." 1 Tim. 5:14. "And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband." 1 Cor. 7:10.

"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives [not another man's wife], even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that

it should be holy and without blemish. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband." Eph. 5:23-27, 33.

Here we see the morals of "the church of God," and the conjugal relation of husbands and wives, as taught in the Bible. Sometime since I received in a drop letter a clipping from some paper, giving an account of some professor of religion who had defamed a woman, and she had given birth to an illegitimate child for him. There were a few words written and enclosed with the clipping by a spiritualist of this town, who was too cowardly to sign his name. The purpose of the sender was to degrade Christianity and try to make it appear that it was on a level with spiritualism, which we had in a discourse only recently shown by the Bible to be very lewd. No such thing was ever perpetrated by a Christian, no, not once; but often by spiritualists.

Here is the gospel standard of the marriage bond: "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." Mat. 19:9.

"But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." Mat. 5:32. "And he saith unto them, Whosoever

shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her." Mark 10: 11.

"Whosoever putteth away his wife and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery." Luke 16: 18.

"For the woman which hath a husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man." Rom. 7: 2, 3.

By these scriptures it is clearly taught that in the kingdom of God he holds the marriage bond in such sacredness that he declares that all who violate it, separate, and marry another, while their former companions yet live, are adulterers and adulteresses.

Let us see what God says about those who are guilty of these degrading sins—those who ignore his teachings on this point. "And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death." Lev. 20: 10.

Under the law of Moses the sin of adultery was unpardonable, and the penalty was death.

"They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law

commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?" John 8:4, 5.

In the gospel dispensation, it is also a heinous crime, or sin, which will bar men and women who commit it out of the everlasting kingdom of God, both in time, and in eternity, unless they repent. See Gal. 5:19-21. But if they will repent, God is ready to forgive, for adultery is not the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost (see Mat. 12:31, 32); hence, can be forgiven.

"And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go and sin no more." John 8:11.

To repent implies to relinquish—quit, do it no more.

Where, or among what class do we find such characters? "But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore." Isa. 57:3. "And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers." Mal. 3:5.

"Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the well favored harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, [mediums] that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts. Behold, I am against thee, saith the Lord of hosts; and I will discover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will show the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame." Nahum 3:4, 5. God intends all to know the licentiousness of spiritualism.

"And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring

after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people." Lev. 20:6.

In these texts the reader will observe that those who are witches, wizards, sorcerers, and those who have familiar spirits, are the ones whom God frequently warns the people not to go a "whoring after." Then it follows that they are a class of people who do much of those sins, or else it would not be possible for any one to go a whoring after them, and the command of God would be a needless injunction if such sins were not committed by such characters. That they do practise the abominations of whoredom, fornication, and adultery is openly acknowledged, and proven by their own testimonies.

Now let us open the Bible again and see what their future and eternal destiny will be. "For this ye know that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." Eph. 5:5.

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." Rev 22:14, 15.

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part

in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Rev. 21:8.

Now I call on all rational beings who read this little volume, to note the decision of the Bible—Word of God—and you will have to admit, that by this entire investigation we have very definitely proven that which we started to do; i. e., that the Bible is against modern spiritualism in every particular, and vice versa. We have also proven from two standpoints—by the Bible, and by their own testimonies, and doctrine, that spiritualism is antichrist and antichristian, antigod and antibible, antichastity and antivirtuous.

Reader, will you abide the decision?

DIVERSE KINDS OF SPIRITS.

- 1st. Seducing spirits. 1 Tim. 4:1.
 - 2d. Foul spirits. Mark 9:25; Rev. 18:2.
 - 3d. Familiar spirits. Isa. 8:19.
 - 4th. Unclean spirits. Mat. 12:43-45.
 - 5th. Evil spirits. Luke 8:2.
 - 6th. Lying spirits. 1 Kings 22:22.
 - 7th. Antichrist spirits. 1 John 4:3.
 - 8th. Error, spirit of. 1 John 4:6.
 - 9th. Bondage, spirit of. Rom. 8:15.
 - 10th. Dumb spirits. Mark 9:17-25.
 - 11th. Jealousy, spirit of. Num. 5:14.
 - 12th. Whoredoms, spirits of. Hosea 4:12; 5:4.
- These various spirits are all devils, or demons an-

tagonizing, or counteracting the work of God and of Christ, and working destruction, both to the souls and bodies of the children of men. Diverse effects are produced by their presence, some of which are found in the following scriptures.

They cause

1st. Men to injure themselves in various ways.

Mark 5:1-5.

2d. Men to injure others also. Acts 19:13-16.

3d. Injury to children. Mark 9:19-22.

4th. Insanity. Mark 5:15.

5th. Different kinds of infirmities. Luke 13:11-16.

The following scriptures prove that God hath given his children power over all these various demon spirits 1st. To the twelve. Mat. 10:1. 2d. To the seventy. Luke 10:17-20. 3d. To all true believers. Mark 16:17, 18; Mark 9:29; 1 John 4:4.

TABLE OF ANCIENT TERMS.

The following is a table of ancient terms, or names of those who work by these false spirits.

1st. Diviners. Micah 3:7; Acts 16:16.

2d. Dreamers. Deut. 13:1-5.

3d. Enchanters. Deut. 18:10.

4th. Observers of times Deut. 18:10.

5th. Charmers. Deut 18:11; Psa. 58:5.

6th. Witches. Ex. 22:18; Deut. 18:10.

- 7th. Wizards. Lev. 20:27; Deut. 18:11; Isa. 8:19; Lev. 19:31; 20:6.
- 8th. Consulters with familiar spirits. Deut. 18:11.
- 9th. Sorcerers. Isa. 57:3; Acts 13:6-8.
- 10th. Soothsayers. Josh. 13:22; Dan. 2:27.
- 11th. Stargazers. Isa. 47:13.
- 12th. Magicians. Dan. 1:20; 2:10, 27; Ex. 7:11; 8:7, 18.
- 13th. Necromancers. Deut. 18:9-14.
- 14th. Astrologers. Isa. 47:13; Dan. 1:20.
- 15th. Prognosticators. Isa. 47:11-15.
- 16th. Exorcists. Acts 19:13-16.



MODERN TERMS WHICH SIGNIFY THE SAME.



Here are the modern names of those who work by these false, demon spirits, and which signify the same as those ancient names.

- 1st. Clairvoyants. See Nos. 1, 3, 8, 10, 14.
- 2d. Fortune-tellers. See Nos. 1, 6, 8, 11, 14.
- 3d. Forecasters. See Nos. 1, 3, 8, 10, 14.
- 4th. Faith doctors. See Nos. 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16.
- 5th. Mind-readers. See Nos. 1, 3, 9, 12, 14.
- 6th. Mediums. See Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

These each are synonymous with the ancient names as per Nos. given in this list. It is very clear, and easily seen by the reader that the Bible—the Word of God is against these characters, as well as against all of their accursed practises.

Reader, God warns us against the works (see Gal. 5:19) of spiritualists and modern spiritualism. Will you heed the warning?

Now, dear reader, if you have been sincere, and carefully observed the facts contained in this volume, and points gained, or clearly proven by the Bible, and logical reasoning, in this investigation, you are, no doubt, thoroughly convinced that modern spiritualism is in its morals very licentious, and in the whole a very great evil, and is wholly condemned by the Bible. If you are desirous to make your escape and ask what you shall do to obtain deliverance therefrom, I answer, Turn from all the abominations of spiritualism, and all other sins (Isa. 55:6, 7) of which you are guilty, renounce them as of the devil, heartily repent, and call on God and his Christ for deliverance, and the Bible declares, "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25. Again, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Christ is your only hope, and unless you call on him for deliverance you are hopelessly lost, and will be eternally and forever lost.

PART III:

TESTIMONIES OF DELIVERANCE FROM SPIRITUALISM.

A MEDIUM DELIVERED.

I have been delivered from this doctrine of devils for nearly three years, after being under its power about six years. I am glad to do or say anything I can to prevent any soul getting into this awful deception, or to help those who have already been ensnared, to get their eyes open. My life was so miserable.

One point I wish to bring out is this, that in all public seances, such as trumpet talking and materialization, the ones that are supposed to be spirits are simply some relative of the medium or some one they have hired to personate the spirits. One person may personate ten to twenty spirits in one evening, as some person will think it her husband and another his wife, or sister, brother, or friend, and in every instance the devil will stamp the image of the deceased persons upon the personator so that in most every case the one duped will declare that there could be no doubt about their talking to their friends.

The same with the trumpet. There may be twenty persons sitting holding hands in a dark circle and every one may get a different message; some from the old, and some from the young, and yet each one

recognizes their deceased friend's voice, and no mistake. "No one could mistake that voice they knew so well." All the time it is one person doing all the talking (through the trumpet) and the devil just changing their voice to suit the person.

I have been a medium, but God has delivered me from its power, and I desire to warn you, dear reader, to have nothing to do with it, "for at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." I first became interested in this unseen power through experimenting with one of these little writing boards (weigie board). We would lay hands on it and ask questions, and often the answer would be written correct. Thus my mind began to go out into this awful channel.

I was honest and sincere and began attending the seances, or circles. I became fascinated with what I saw and heard. The devil had transformed himself into the likeness of my deceased friends. What I thought were my departed friends appeared often and urged me to come as often as I could. It cost me about one dollar every time I went, so I did not go more than once or twice a week, oftener only when discouraged. At such times they encouraged me, saying they were with me always, planning for my welfare; that they shared my joys and sorrows; that they would never leave me nor permit harm to come to me. They also assured me that there was no punishment after death, that there was no power to save in the blood of Jesus; if there was such a man he was not the Son of God, simply a

medium; also that I could live to suit myself, good or bad, and that they would take me in charge at the so-called death, and teach me to progress into a perfect spirit, as that was the only way to reach perfection. They also encouraged me to sit for development, saying I would make a good medium. I did take these sittings and did everything they wanted me to, and I developed into a medium, or rather a partner of the devil. I was soon able to turn my witchcraft (for such it was) into making money, by duping and drawing innocent people into this awful chasm, from which so few escape.

Spiritualists claim that this ism is of recent origin, and that in the course of a few years they will convert the entire world to this doctrine. I declare to you, my dear reader, that this spiritualism is the same old witchcraft that was practised in the time of king Saul, B. C. 1056. In the olden times it was called witchcraft, soothsaying, divining, familiar spirits, etc. Now it is the same old thing with different names; such as, materialization, trumpet speaking, slate writing, painting, trance speaking, spirit photography, clairvoyance, clairaudience, black art, hypnotism, palmistry, card-reading astrology, etc. [Reader, see definition of these terms as given in this work.—Author.]

Now this ism is the worst and most deceptive of all the devil's doctrines imposed upon precious souls today. There is not, nor has there ever been anything spiritual in it, and the devil knew it when he named it "spiritual-ism." Let us look at some of its prin-

cial influences on those who give up time and talent to it.

First. Deception. Your heart gets so deceitful you will deceive your dearest friend to gain your purpose.

Second. Suspicion. Why! you suspect husband or wife of wrong, believe them untrue, therefore usually ending in separation.

Third. Covetousness. This sin of idolatry is instilled into your heart, and you will desire to get at all hazards the best that others have, especially money.

Fourth. Treachery. You will take advantage, of those who trust you, in a way they least expect.

Fifth. Free-love spirits. This is the most popular, and yet the most dangerous and contaminating feature in the whole list.

There is nearly always something said or done, especially in these dark circles, to attract the mind to the opposite sex, and if you do not understand this thing and be on your guard it is only a time, if you continue going to such places, until you are under this awful spirit of free-loveism. This spirit if harbored may cause you to break the seventh commandment; i. e., commit adultery. This is counted very necessary to attract the spirit forces. [Reader, do you understand this? This is what I have endeavored to expose in the chapter on the morals of spiritualism, in the preceding part of this book. I pray God to help every reader to take warning, and help me to cry aloud against this licentious and adulterous practise, so prevalent in spiritualism, and especially among the mediums. It is worse and more degrading

than polygamy as found among the Mormons of Utah. Spiritualists in this ignore all law and order as relates to the marriage relation and contract. Plats has truthfully said, "Law is the god of wise men; licentiousness is the god of fools."—Author.]

Now shame on the devil! Shame on the people who will try to believe such abominable things, which are in direct opposition to good morals, as well as law, and especially the Word of God.

I was happy in this false doctrine for a time, but the time came when I saw my awful condition. I knew there was no place for me in Babylon. I knew of no other place, so I plunged worse and worse. I was not guilty of every sin that is practised by many, but I was guilty of enough to sink my soul in the lost world. But thanks be to God, he broke every band asunder and set me free. Truly when I look at the pit from whence I was digged my heart is melted and my soul seems to say, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." I am your sister, delivered from spiritualism and all sin, justified and sanctified.

VIOLA G. TILDEN.

2245 W. Huron St., Chicago, Ill., *July 30, 1902.*

DELIVERED FROM THE POWER OF HYPNOTISM.

I feel it my duty as well as a privilege to testify to the wonderful saving and keeping power of God, and to the great power he has in healing all our diseases. Praise his name!

I had been sick for over a year, with a complication of diseases, and had tried many doctors which seemed to give relief for a while, but they could not cure me. During this state of affairs "our preacher" in the U. B. sect insisted on treating me with hypnotism, claiming he could cure me. He said it would cost me about one hundred dollars for treatment. This I refused to do. Later I discovered a place where I could get a book with full instructions at very small cost, so I decided to get it and try and cure myself as I was anxious to get well, and thought if our minister did not see any harm in it probably it was all right. But alas! it was the blind leading the blind, and it was only by the help of the Lord that I was saved from falling in the ditch.

The book was received and I began studying it and treating myself. After doing so for a day or so I felt much stronger, felt like I could walk for miles and not tire. This feeling lasted about one day, and during that day I had a very good appetite, whereas before I could not sit up near all day and could eat scarcely anything.

But that night Satan thought he had better take me to himself and began to work accordingly, and God and myself only know what I endured that night. Blessed be the name of the good Lord forever and ever, for his merciful kindness to me! I was almost like Job, with only my life spared. My heart almost ceased to beat, and I had to watch how I would look at anything because a glance at anything would have a tendency to rehypnotize me, and each time place

me under the evil power more. I had treated myself too often, and my body being weak from disease. I soon found myself under an influence that I never could of myself shake off. I called upon God for help and told him I would do anything for him if he would help me. I was then shown the utter helplessness of a soul left to itself and Satan.

My life was spared till morning, but I was in awful agony and did not know what to do. Then the thought came to me to send for this preacher and that he might be able to break the spell that was so surely taking my life, along with the other diseases. He lived a distance of fifteen miles or more from our home. Then the thought came to me that God could do more than man. It might be well to add right here that all during my illness I had been repenting and meeting the conditions in God's Word, although at the time I had no teaching. I then accepted the Lord in place of sending for the preacher and received a wonderful blessing. I then knew my sins were all forgiven. I arose and dressed myself and was very happy for a while.

But Satan was not through yet. I knew God had blessed me, but the other influence overshadowed me too, and my faith did not reach the right point. This was a critical time for me. About noon my condition was so serious that Satan decided I should send for the preacher, but God knew best and sent such a rain-storm that the one going after him was hindered twice from starting, and was made to come back the third time. If this purpose had been carried out and

I had gotten under the influence of Satan again my life would have been gone. Through all this I had been calling on God for help, but Satan made it an awful night for me. I realized through the spirit his presence in the room.

The next day God sent some dear ones who had been associating with the saints, and they explained the way more fully. With this light and the fact that I was beyond all human aid I began to look to the Lord for my body as well as my soul, and on Sunday afternoon while alone in my room I accepted Jesus as my all for soul and body, and I was sanctified and healed. I felt a thrill go through my body and I knew the work was done. Halleluia! For several days Satan tempted me on the line of healing, and sometimes during the night I would have to arise from my bed and give him a sharp rebuking. Through faith in God's Word and a willingness to obey in all things, the Lord brought me through all right.

Oh, how I do praise God for delivering me from the power of Satan which was manifest in spiritualism through hypnotism. I hereby sound a solemn warning to all, beware of all books which teach hypnotism, and of all modern spiritualism.

I was saved from my sins August 30, 1901; sanctified and healed September of the same year. Your sister under the blood,

HULDA TIPPLE.

Cannonsburg, O., *July 27, 1902.*

BROKEN UP FINANCIALLY THROUGH SPIRITUALISM.

I believe spiritualism to be one of the most soul-destroying doctrines the devil has yet gotten up to deceive mankind and drag them down to hell. About eight years ago my husband being afflicted with catarrh of the head was advised to seek healing from a spiritualistic medium, which he did, and was seemingly healed for a short time; but the disease soon came back, or manifested itself as before.

Out of curiosity he decided to investigate spiritualism and attended their seances when convenient. I also went along once, and we sat circles together and with others when we had the opportunity, and when we were under the influence of those spirits we thought we enjoyed ourselves and what we supposed to be the power of God and communication with angels, or spirits of our departed loved ones. But alas! we were not long in finding out that these supposed angels would tell lies, and the next time we sat a circle, would make excuses and make us believe that we misunderstood them, or that we had not lived just right. We found that instead of our friends talking to us an evil spirit had taken control. [This is truth, for it is always an evil spirit that has control in their circles.—Author.] So we kept on trifling with them for about two years, and kept listening to their advice until we were entirely broke up financially. Oh, the heartaches and troubles we had to bear! But they would always tell us of a treasure of gold that we would get just a little ways ahead.

Just like the devil, he is always promising people perfect happiness just a little ahead, but it is never found.

We got so disgusted with spiritualism, and the yoke was so heavy and hard we concluded there was something wrong; and when husband told them they were devils they said they were legions, and he had to rebuke them a great many times before they left him entirely with their lights like stars, and other manifestations. But the way I got rid of them I asked the Lord if it was wrong for me to sit circles, to show me once when I sat alone (to try to find out how husband was, as he was away from home, and I was anxious to hear about him), and the Lord did not permit the devil to tell me a single truth that night.

So I asked God to forgive me, and from that time I have had no love for spiritualism, but have hated their fiendish ways with all my might. It was not hard to despise and shun the wicked ways of spiritualism when the Lord revealed to me how we had been deceived and led around till we were at that time without a home and in hard circumstances.

This is only a little of what we learned about spiritualism in the two years. Thank God for perfect deliverance! In conclusion, and as a warning I will say that whosoever tampers with this deception—modern spiritualism—will do so to his own sorrow, both in this world and in the world to come. Shun it, as you would the enemy of all good. Shun it, as you would the bottomless pit; for the spirits operating therein are spirits of devils, and not your departed

friends, as they would have you believe; and they will drag your immortal soul down to the lowest hell. Touch it not. I am your saved sister,

July 30, 1902.

MRS. WM. HIGH.

HOW GOD ANSWERED PRAYER IN DELIVERING A
COMMUNITY FROM SPIRITUALISM.

Spiritualism is undoubtedly of the devil, and that enemy of all that is good, and pure, and holy, is using the deceptive system to decoy souls and drown them in perdition. The first introduction I had to spiritualism was a number of years ago while I was yet in sectism. I was then preaching in the U. B. denomination and had my regular appointments, or places for preaching. In one of the communities where I preached a man endorsed spiritualism and began to talk it among the people as being the kind of religion that they needed, and invited them to his seances. He also urged me to come and investigate the system. I declined to go, but I began a thorough investigation by reading the best authors I could find on the subject, and also made the Bible a special study regarding the matter.

I pursued this course for about two months before I had much to say about it, and in the meantime noting the effects of the influence of the "new religion" on the people, I saw its evil effects manifested in various ways, and decided to begin a course of lectures and sermons against it.

About this time the pernicious system was carried into another community where I held meetings. Here it seemed to spread more rapidly, and in a worse form than in the former neighborhood. I publicly prayed against it, preached and lectured against it, both in and out of the pulpit. Still things went on from bad to worse, and I prayed more earnestly to God to know what to do.

In this last community lived an old friend of mine, who endorsed the system and made his house the seat of spiritualism for the surrounding country. His wife and daughter also became mediums and their influence became very great against the cause of Christ, as this man and his family became leaders in the propagation of this unholy system. My mind was greatly exercised in wondering what could be done to stop the evil. I talked with God about the matter, and the answer came before I really looked for it.

One Sunday I went and filled my appointment as usual, but with a sad heart because of the evil effects of spiritualism I saw upon the people. That afternoon in company with two other devoted Christians I entreated the Lord to break the power and influence of spiritualism in that community and surrounding country, also asking for the salvation of this man and his family. But I could not get any answer that the man would be saved; and while tarrying at the throne of grace I became so much in earnest about it that I finally said, "Lord, break spiritualism here at any cost, even to the removing of this man out of

the way, and the scattering of his family to the four corners of the earth; even so be it, Lord. Amen!"

We arose from our knees and separated, leaving the matter in God's hands, perfectly resigned to his will. In just two weeks from that day that man was dead and buried. In less than three months his family was broken up and scattered and never came together again. But, thank God, spiritualism was rooted out of that community, root and branch.

I have no comments to make only that it was God that did the work. To him be all the glory. Amen!
Yours in Him,

G. W. CAREY.

Oleta, Okla., *July 28, 1902.*

DRAWN UNDER THE POWER OF THE DEVIL THROUGH THE
WEIGIE BOARD.

Although I never was a spiritualist, I have had some experience with it, of which I will now speak.

Some years ago I did not know God, nor did I know that there was a devil in existence, when one day some one came along and I was asked if I believed in spiritualism. I became marvelously interested, and was drawn, seeing we could talk with the dead. I for several days paid much attention. I was so ignorant both of a living God and a devil, and this mystery seemed to draw me away from this world's attention, and I wanted more of it. I could sit all day and look at the writings which came forth from the weigie or planchette board. It was a heart-

shaped piece of wood with a pencil fastened to it. It cost about twenty-five cents. That was all I ever saw of spiritualism, writing, etc.

It would write if some hand would guide it. Once I saw it when in action, working so furiously that it got off of the table and on to the floor, all by itself so far as any one could see, and would go around as if it had wheels. I became much interested in the matter, and tried it when left alone for some hours, but it never would work for me. One day Satan made himself known by writing his own name and drawing his own likeness. We were amazed, and tried it over, to see if it could be true. Yes, it was true; there it all was again, with horns and tail, and about fifteen inches high. He used my name, and it was written down. He had taken my life's looks (picture). I then saw, and my whole soul turned against Satan, and the mystery became clearer and clearer to me. There are more things I could speak of, which, perhaps, would be too much to mention here.

Well, I then hated Satan, and he knowing that I had not God, it seemed that I was left in his control, and the experience I then had with him from that time till God in his goodness delivered me, was terrible. I had no more rest at night and was haunted by day, so that I was always afraid to be alone. I felt that my life was full of sorrow from morning till night.

Up to this time I knew nothing about how to call on God for help, nor anything about the great salvation

plan; I made no profession of religion. But, glory be to Jesus, he saw my utter helplessness and after about five or six weeks in this state he led me to a place where I heard the Word of God read and preached. I saw by his precious Word that I had lived in sin all my life. Right here he held forgiveness out to me. How earnestly I bent my knees night after night before my God, and in about seven days I got salvation. This delivered me from the power of Satan and spiritualism and I forgot all about my sorrows I had been suffering while in Satan's control.

At the time that I repented Satan did not trouble me, but sometime after he realized he had lost me for good. My life became sweet. Oh, what a heaven God gave me in exchange for my sins! As I said before, Satan realized he had lost me for good when God saved me, so he tormented me a while at nights, but the dear Savior was there also and wonderfully delivered me and brought me into the true light. To-day I can cry out, Satan is bruised under my heels, he has no more power over me.

I keep myself in the love of God. The New Testament is my pattern. So, dear souls, I know much of that wicked spiritualism. I can feel the horrors of Satan in it. I can smell his stench. It is not mere foolishness, nor a humbug, as some say. No, no! it is playing with the devil himself. He is counterfeiting different handwritings, and different voices. Do we not read in the Scriptures that he transforms himself into an angel of light? The very name, Spiritualism, shows forth devilish elements.

May God keep honest souls from its awful snares, and help those that are honest and have fallen into its meshes to make their escape before too late. I am your blood-washed sister in the one body,

MRS. LOUISE LAWRIE.

310 W. 15 St., New York, N. Y., *Aug. 4, 1902.*

SPIRITUALISM A DELUSION.

Having been at one time what might be termed a pretty good spiritualist, I can not help feeling justified in sympathizing with at least those who treat the subject with such great reverence as I know many do. I am not able, however, to find words to express my gratitude for having been delivered from what I now know to be simply a delusion. Pardon me, my dear spiritualistic friends, if I appear radical. But I feel led through divine inspiration to write this testimony, and my most earnest prayer is, that it may reach some who stand in the same position I did, not feeling satisfied as to whether it is right to accept spiritualism or not.

The Scripture teaches us there is a time when the Lord will make known to his people all the mysteries, and that we are not at liberty to pry into them. Think of it, dear reader, since Christ says it is hardly possible for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven, is it not a most absurd idea to suppose the Lord is sending his agents down here to inform us through some medium where we can find great rich-

es? And there are other things I could mention that are just as inconsistent. I believe that supernatural influences are produced solely by Satan in spiritualism. Could he not just as easily assume the form of any one of our friends who have passed away, as he could assume that of an angel of light? I do not wish you to infer that I think the spiritualists "inspired idiots" as some do, for so far as I know their intelligence far surpasses that of idiocy, and I sincerely hope that they may get their eyes open to the terrible deception that is being practised upon them.

Kindly allow me to refer you to Deut. 18:9-13. Reader, get your Bible and read these few verses very carefully; also Ezek. 13:17; Isa. 47:10-14. I will defer from comment on these scriptures, as, no doubt, the author of this volume has freely done so, and I trust that you will weigh well his argument. You need not stop after having referred to these few scriptures. There are plenty more. We are told to search the Scriptures for ourselves. But I trust after having read these scriptures you will resolve for your soul's sake to discard the theories of spiritualism, and all of its deceptive works of darkness, and make your escape from this demon religion and all its works by getting full salvation through the all-atoning blood of Christ. How I thank God for my deliverance from this dark deception!

I am yours in defense of the whole truth, and the truth only,

MRS. B. B. WELLS.

Fairhaven, Wash., Aug. 1, 1902.

DECEIVED AND LED INTO SPIRITUALISM THROUGH
IGNORANCE.

I wish to say I was badly deceived in the spiritualist doctrine by a man who claimed to be a medium. He claimed to have power to heal, and I was healed through him, or this power. I also got to be a medium and miracles were performed by this power through me. This man also took the Bible to prove that there was such a thing, and that it was right; and I thought as it could be proved by the Bible it surely was all right. I verily thought I was pleasing God, as we people in this place were in great spiritual darkness because the Word of God was not preached here. So after so long a time God's truth was preached here (or partly preached) by the Free Methodists, and I saw that there was something to be done in order to please God.

I gave up my ways as far as I could see and understand, spiritualism and all, as God commanded in Isa. 55:7, and he pardoned me and gave me a spirit that set me free. John 8:36. This spirit led me into all truth and showed me that the doctrine of spiritualism was carrying souls to eternal despair. Thank God! he delivered me from spiritualism. Yours for the truth,

J. M. CROUCH.

Serena, La., *Aug. 4, 1902.*

NOT A GOOD SPIRIT, NOR SPIRITS OF DEPARTED FRIENDS.

In humble submission to God, and believing it to be his will, I write my testimony. I was in company with a man who was a sectarian preacher and acted as a medium. When the table began to move I asked him what it was that was moving the table. He gave me no satisfactory answer. I was permitted to see that this was not a good spirit, nor the spirit of departed friends, but that it was a direct delusion from the enemy of souls, and that it was calculated to deceive the people and cheat them out of their souls and a home in heaven. Satan does not honor those who serve him, not even in this life. This was proven plainly, for the medium could get all foolish or worthless questions answered, but failed to get an answer to any important question.

Not in the least is Satan divided against himself. He will promise many things, but Jesus said, "He is a liar and the father of lies." I renounced all forms of spiritualism, although I remained unsaved until I gave up my own will and let God have his way, and he saved me. I lived an up and down life and went back into sin, but my soul longed for something better than husks. I then turned to God with my whole heart to live for him at any cost. He saved me from my backslidings and filled my soul with joy and gladness that the world can not take away. I am feasting on the good things in Father's house. I can see better than ever before, how kind and loving the Savior is, not willing that any should perish, but rather that

all should come to repentance. As I am writing this, my soul is filled with peace and joy. To God be all the glory for saving my soul and delivering me from the curse of modern spiritualism, I am your saved brother,

JOHN PERRY.

818 Dawson St., Wilmington, N. C., *Aug. 7, 1902.*

FOUND SPIRITUALISM TOO WICKED.

I desire to give some of my experiences of spiritualism, and to warn others who may thus be misled.

My first experience was in 1874, in the state of Pennsylvania. We would meet at private houses, and have what is known as "table rappings." We would seat ourselves around the table, place our hands upon the same, and the table would rise and move about. This was done by some unseen power, undoubtedly the devil.

The spirits informed me that I had great powers of mediumship, which encouraged me to continue. I came to a little town in Allen Co., O., by the name of Maysville. There I met a lady, who informed me I had powers for a clairvoyant. There being considerable money in this, I concluded to develop the matter further. I would surprise some by telling them something, and it seemed that many were easy victims.

I really did not see the wrong I was doing, and I came to Lima, O., and opened up a seance. I soon got five people to believe it. While sitting, we

learned of Profs. Johnson and Cloud, who were at Toledo, O., and we sent for them to come to Lima; they gave us a seance and instructed us in the use of the speaking trumpet. They gave several meetings, and told me I had the greatest powers of developing, and that left me the head of the class they had organized.

There are five phases of the mediumship. I began to use the speaking trumpet, which is the first phase. Then after learning how to use the trumpet I developed on farther to materialization, and the phase of magnetic healing. Two more phases, inspiration speaking, and slate writing, I never tried to develop, they being too wicked. I warn all of its delusive grasp. It is of the devil and of the same class as soothsaying (Acts 16:16-18), and should be dealt with as Paul did.

I renounced the same and God converted my soul, and to-day I am free from its power. Praise the Lord! Your brother,

H. D. CROSS.

Roselms, O., *Feb. 20, 1903.*

INSANITY THE RESULT OF SPIRITUALISM.

One of the awful results of modern spiritualism is insanity, which is caused by becoming demon possessed, and the mind being overbalanced or overthrown by the power of those evil spirits, with which all who are connected in any way with modern spiritualism must come in contact.

The reader will remember, that in the preceding part of this book we have very clearly proven, by the holy Scriptures, and also by the definitions of terms, that those who are consulters of familiar spirits, are "those who are in compact with the devil." To be a spiritualist medium one must be wholly abandoned to, and in compact with the devil; hence, under his complete control. Having gained this knowledge, the reader is now prepared to understand why so many "developing mediums" become insane. While it is true that some are more affected with insanity than others, yet it is true, that all are possessed with demons, and, to a certain degree, are insane. This, perhaps, can be accounted for in that some are so overcharged by the power of demons with which they are possessed, that their mind is completely destroyed. The number of cases of insanity, thus caused, is simply appalling, and, perhaps, will only be known when the thousands who have tampered with evil spirits in spiritualism stand before God in judgment. The writer is personally acquainted with some cases of insanity thus caused, and I sincerely hope that the contents of this book will be sufficient to cause

many who are already ensnared, as well as those who may yet be, to take warning and make their escape before they go farther.

I have collected from statistics a few cases of insanity thus caused; and will give them in this chapter for the benefit of the readers. By permission I give the following extracts from "A treatise on Modern Spiritualism," by Thomas Ingraham Moore, of Bradford, O. In this he gives an account of his daughter, Annie Moore Cable, one of the unfortunate ones whose mind has been destroyed in "developing as a medium." In the account he gives of Annie, he says in part. "It will not be necessary to mention more of Annie, until her part in the fearful drama or tragedy, or worse than tragedy, comes in. . . . In Feb. 1889, some parties brought a planchette or weigie board into our home. . . . While different ones were putting their hands on the board to try to work it, our daughter Annie put her hand on it. It would spell out words for her almost from the start. It did right away for her what it had never done in the village before. It began like an angel of light, sublime, beautiful, and grand. It said to her, 'You must develop as a medium; your powers are such that you can do humanity so much good.' She and all the rest of the family were perfectly ignorant of any danger in it, or harm either. . . . The business of developing Annie into a 'speaking medium' was carried on about two weeks or more. All the while it seemed beautiful, pure, and angelic. Said, 'We

will prove to you that we are good spirits.'

"It advised us to hold some circles; told where each one should sit at the table to form the magnetic current. As soon as she became developed to the point where she would go into a trance and speak, and it had gotten her mind entirely under control, then it turned from what seemed to be an angel to a demon, and one could not imagine anything in this world more devilish, fearful and horrible. It seemed to impress her to everything a demon could invent to ruin herself and injure the family.

"One evening she told her husband she thought she would feel better if he would take her out in the country. That probably the current of magnetism would not be so strong in the country as in town, and it would give her some relief. . . . Annie and her husband, Jerry M. Cable, went out that night with friends in the country one and one-half mile distant. About the time it became dark she went into a trance and raved all night, claimed that I was dead and her mother dead and that our spirits were talking through her, and every fearful thing that an imaginary demon could think of. They sent for us; . . . we drove the mile and a half as quickly as the horse could get there. . . . We both went into the house and went right up to Annie. She put both hands to her eyes, rubbed them over her face and came right out of the trance as if she had awakened out of a sleep. . . . In an hour or so her husband got her into the buggy and took her home. She seemed for a while very much relieved and natural; said she would have no more to do

with it. We all felt happy then, thinking that we were done with it; but it would take possession of her mind in the after part of the night from 1 to 2 o'clock. While asleep she would go into a trance and begin to talk, claiming that spirits were talking through her. . . . The horrors of those nights can not be described. Poor Annie had given up her mind and will power to develop as a speaking medium, so that some spirit could talk through her, and her mind seemed to be taken possession of by demons or devils.

"That afternoon our son-in-law, Mr. Cable, took Annie and her mother to our other daughter's in Covington, O., four miles from Bradford, where we lived. I got there about 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon, found Annie in a dazed condition; said she was going into a trance in spite of all she could do to resist it. Her mother and sister were walking her back and forth across the floor trying to keep her out of the trance, all broken-hearted. . . That night to us was a fearful night. After dark Annie went into a trance. Spirits claimed to do the talking through her. She spent most of the night raving and screaming like a raving maniac. Her husband and I had to hold her on the bed most of the night to keep her from running out on the street. At times she would bark like a dog. Said she had been bitten by a mad dog and had hydrophobia. Toward morning the doctor got her quieted down with opiates, so that she got a little rest.

"For a day or so at a time she would seem better, until we began to hope for relief. Then she would

go into a trance in the after part of the night and wear herself and all of the rest out for want of sleep and rest. So she kept getting more and more under its control until she did not know or realize anything. . . . From the extreme overcharge of magnetism or electricity [demon power] caused by developing as a medium, the electricity from the points of her fingers would burn her face. Her face was burned from her eyebrows down to her throat as though it had been burned with a hot iron poker. The wicked impression would make her think that she could not swallow, when she would sit down to the table to eat, without sticking the ends of her fingers to her face, to her throat and in her ears. The electricity from the ends of her fingers would knock the bird off its perch, and it would lie fluttering its wings in the bottom of the cage. . . . During the early part of the summer, either myself or Annie's husband or mother had to be with her every moment, day or night, to keep her hands from her face before she would improve in that regard. . . . I have traveled from western Pennsylvania to Lincoln, Neb., and unto South Dakota, and from the Ohio River to the Lakes, . . . and now at the close of seven years' work, I have found over one hundred and fifty cases of insanity, minds ruined with it (spiritualism) mostly I think trying to develop as mediums, and became obsessed or possessed with demon spirits. I will give a few of them in rotation later on.

"In June, 1890, Annie's babe was born. . . . In

September her husband wrote me that she was in bad condition mentally, and for me to come at once, . . . We found her in a fearful condition mentally. From what I could learn she had at no time been entirely free from the influence of that unseen force. . . . That evening we sent for the doctor. He said she would have to be taken to the asylum. The next day we had her examined and the following day took her to the Kalamazoo asylum. . . . In the spring of 1891 Annie's mother had her husband take her from the asylum at Kalamazoo, Mich., and she took her to our house at Bradford, O. We kept her until December, 1892, when we were compelled to take her to the asylum at Dayton, O."

Many earnest prayers have been offered for her deliverance. I met her the first part of this month (June, 1902) in a camp-meeting at Moundsville, W. Va., to which her sister had brought her in hope of her being completely delivered. Her condition is indeed deplorable, although she is much improved. I have reason to believe that it will please the Lord to deliver her and restore her to her right mind, as soon as those of her family, who are concerned and so anxious for her delivery, are free from Babylon and all sectish influence and teaching; for the time for God to work in or through sectism or sectarian agents or adherents is past. God wants the glory and will have it. He only works in and through Zion—his church. Praise God! Devils are subject to us through Jesus' name. "For greater is he [Jesus] that is in you, than he [Satan] that is in the world."

1 John 4:4. And Jesus said, "Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy." Luke 10:19.

Reader, God's Word is forever settled in heaven, and all his promises yea and amen to those that believe. Do you believe? 'I have frequently been asked if Annie's mind was previously all right; if there could not have been some other cause for the mind becoming unbalanced? I would answer here as I have usually tried to answer; that to us her mind had always seemed about as ordinary girls. There was no hereditary insanity either from my ancestors or those of her mother's. Annie from childhood had been a kind, affectionate, good, obedient girl. A neighbor once said to me that Annie was as fine an alto singer as he had ever heard. Her mind was simply possessed by a demon spirit, or demon control, by giving up her mind and will power to be controlled by spirit mind, so that some spirit could talk through her. I saw it begin and I saw it end. It was done in two weeks. It was in February 1889. In May 1890, a little over a year after learning the wickedness and danger of trying to consult with the spirits of the departed, I was employed to travel and solicit for a denominational publishing house. I had then not thought of such a work. As previously stated I have traveled in the work from Erie and Pittsburg, Penn. to Lincoln, Neb., and into the eastern portion of South Dakota, and from the Ohio River to the Lakes. The work caused me to enter the homes of those who attended church.

“In one or more homes at almost every point the subject of modern spiritualism would come up. I never failed to give the lesson we had learned through a fearful ordeal, and its warning. In 1892 I compiled from the Bible on the subject. I generally kept three or four copies of Bible references, and always left one where I felt it would do good. I always tried to make prominent what would naturally seem to me one of the saddest and most terrible features of the business, the danger of obsession or insanity, by telling our trouble and grief in that particular. If they would know of cases they would tell me, and by that means I have found, as I have previously stated, over one hundred and fifty cases of minds ruined with it. I judge over two hundred, and that is not a drop in the bucket, as it were, as compared with the whole number. It was only the individual cases the friends knew about that I talked with, and what few cases I noticed reported in the papers.

“I will itemize a few here, but before doing so, I would desire to call the mind to the matter of what for a long while so strongly impressed my mind as one of the blessed arrangements in God’s providence of finding the wreck and ruin of minds that way so that others might receive warning; for it seems about the only way that they could have been found, for I think that none of them are reported to the asylum authorities as victims of witchcraft and necromancy or modern spiritualism. I hardly think that the authorities of the insane hospital at Dayton, O. are

aware that our daughter is there as a victim of modern spiritualism.

“An old man at Port Huron, Mich. said a lady, a neighbor of his, got into it and had to be taken to the insane asylum. A friend at Plymouth, Mich. said a neighbor lady of his acquaintance got into spiritualism, and had to be taken to the insane asylum. A lady who was a spiritualist at Lansing, Mich. told me that her daughter was for a time wild and running through the fields. She got a light touch of it and got over it. [?]

“A lady at Grand Rapids, Mich., pointing to a side room said: ‘We watched our daughter in that room for months and months.’

“Dr. Wright of Carlton Center, Mich. doctored Annie during the summer of 1889. [Dear reader, let me say at this point that I have met Annie, as I have previously stated, and am thoroughly convinced that her case can not be reached by doctors or medical science. Nothing but the power of God can ever dispossess her of the demon spirits, and clothe her in her right mind again.] Dr. Boughman, formerly of Woodland, Mich. told me of a lady of his acquaintance at Columbus, O., who got into spiritualism and had to be taken to the asylum. . . . A friend at Union City, Ind. said a lady two or three blocks from where he lived got to be a spiritualist, and had her mind ruined. They kept her at home, but it ruined her husband financially, besides bringing their home into sorrow and wretchedness. . . . She seemed impressed to destroy everything she could.

“The Reverend [?] Mat Wing, now of Iowa, told me that when he was pastor of a church in Minneapolis, Minn. he knew a man that had had his mind ruined by spiritualism, and was taken to the insane asylum. Some mediums persuaded his friends to bring him home. Said they could cure him. Brother Wing said he seemed to be a little better for a very short time, but in a few days was as bad as ever. Brother Wing took him to a small lake fishing. He was all the while pointing out over the lake, saying, ‘There go spirits. Can’t you see them?’ As they walked up in the city a lady was walking ahead of them. He called to her. Brother Wing said, ‘You must not call to her; you will offend her.’ He said: ‘Oh, she is a spirit: she will not get offended.’ ”

The following is from a Columbus paper of July 4, 1893: “The large crowd at the depot yesterday was attracted about 4 o’clock by the arrival on a Delaware train of a woman heavily manacled and violently insane, on her way to the asylum. Her keepers had all they could do to manage her, but finally succeeded in getting her off the train. She was Mrs. Mary McLane, of Delaware, O.; and she presented a ghastly appearance with haggard face and fierce, fixed eyes, and her hair streaming down her back.

“The case is a peculiarly sad one, as she leaves in Delaware, a large family with a grief-stricken husband. She was an ardent follower of spiritualism and the belief drove her to madness. She first became an enthusiast on the subject, then dangerous and violent. She raved frantically while at the depot,

and it required the efforts of several men to manage her.”

The reporter of the case did not understand that it was something else besides simply the belief that drove her to madness.

My wife clipped the following from a paper a few years ago, under the head lines, “Ten Years in Bed. A spiritualist hallucination takes fresh hold after an intermission:”

“One of the queerest women in New York state is Mrs. Annie Hallock, of Wayne, Schuyler County. She is a spiritualist, owns one of the finest farms in the county, is wealthy and has business ability and intelligence. She is sister-in-law of Colonel Crane, of Hornellsville, the well known politician and lawyer. Her hallucinations have made her the talk of the neighborhood.

“A little over ten years ago she claimed to have received a message from the spirit world, directing her to go to bed and stay there for ten years. Meanwhile she was not to allow any water to touch her body. She went to bed. The *New York Record* says: No persuasion or argument could make her get up. She would not allow people to wash her under any circumstances, although she accepted clean clothing. She was apparently strong and healthy; had splendid color, ate heartily and never complained of being ill. When clergymen would call to urge her to get up she was deaf to their entreaties, and said the spirits ordered her to stay in bed for the purification of her soul, . . . Recently the ten years expired, and she

got up and dressed herself. She was slightly bent from being in bed so long, but was seemingly in good health. . . . She received another message from the same spirit. She declared she was ordered to go back to bed and remain there until death. She immediately complied. All sorts of arguments are being used to make her get up, but she is steadfast in her refusal, and says she will stay in bed until she dies, and will not allow herself to be washed."

How fearful it seems that any person with a particle of sense remaining could be led to do anything so abominable by the Satan begotten business. Dear reader, all this is the awful result of modern spiritualism.

"In 1893 a Mrs. Simmons, of Columbus, O., told me of a young lady that she knew who got in with the spiritualists and had to be taken to the asylum. In January 1894, a lady in Charlotte, Mich., told me that a lady friend of hers got into spiritualism and was then in the insane asylum. In January 1894, I called to see Mr. A. D. Holley at 510 North Avon St., Rockford, Ill. Mrs. Holley told me that her husband was at Elgin in the insane asylum. She said his father was a spiritualist; lived in California; came out on a visit in the spring of 1893. He and her husband got a planchette or weigie board, and went up-stairs to consult spirits, and in two weeks her husband had to be taken to the insane asylum; leaving his wife and four helpless children at home. She said he had been all right in body and mind; had

kept his family nicely, and bought a comfortable home.

“God knows how my heart ached for her and those helpless children. I felt it was surely time the people were being taught the wickedness and danger of that terrible business.”

Oh! may God help us to trumpet aloud the notes of warning against this demon religion, and heathen practise, which is not only destroying the minds and bodies, but the souls of those ensnared thereby. Spiritualism is simply an old demon religion, and heathen practise of ancient times, as can be proven by ancient history and also by the Word of God.

“I was informed by James Garrison, of Blanchester, O., that quite a number of years ago an acquaintance of his who was county surveyor became a spiritualist and died in the asylum. In the spring of 1896, a friend in Washington County, O., told me of a man who had been a neighbor of his, who became a spiritualist, and visited mediums to consult with spirits. He claimed a spirit told him to cut his foot off and it would heal on again in three days. He cut it off, or nearly so, and in three days he found that the spirit had lied to him.”

“In February, 1896, the Rev. O. G. Colgrove, of Blanchester, O., told me that at Kent, O., while he was pastor there in 1893 or 1894, a spiritualist lady had her mind injured. They got a medium to try to cure her. Said she and the medium came into his church on Sunday. They sat a short time, she arose and went out, and the medium followed her. They

went into another church near by. When they arose to sing the closing hymn, she rushed forward to the preacher and said: 'You must stop singing; there is an evil spirit in the house.' He said: 'You would best go out, and may be the evil spirit will go out too.' But she kept on more vehemently. He saw she was wild; that her mind was not right. He motioned the choir to stop, and dismissed the audience before she was noticed sufficient to raise an excitement."

"I have before me a clipping from the *St. Louis, Missouri, Republic*, of October 24, 1893, containing an account of 'A Mind Ruined.' On account of its length I will copy only a portion: 'A fakir's victim. Young, Lowell Putnam, driven to insanity. Hypnotized by Jules Wallace, the medium healer. From music to spiritualism and the mad-house. Gloom now, a once happy family's home. Strange, sad story told by the sorrowing mother and sister. What the impostor says: and more information of his career in Denver and elsewhere.'

"The correct name of the young man who was driven into a mad-house through his relations with Jules Wallace, the fakir, is Lowell Putnam. He is a young music-teacher, whose mother resides at 1121 Leonard Ave. As has already been stated in the *Republic*, he is now confined in St. Vincent Asylum. He was known to Wallace as Henry Sanders. Putnam was a teacher of the mandolin and violin. He had a large number of pupils, all of whom speak in the highest terms of his ability. He was the support of his mother and sister. Until he met Wallace he was

healthy, happy, and contented. He is now a physical and mental wreck, and believes that he possesses supernatural powers. Mrs. Putnam does not know how her son became acquainted with the 'medium healer,' as Wallace calls himself. It seems that the young musician visited Wallace about three months ago. He called merely out of curiosity."

Let all curiosity seekers take warning, and stand aloof from spiritualism and spiritualistic mediums, lest this young man's fate be theirs; lest your curiosity lead you to your ruin as it did him. His sad fate is only one case among multitudes who have tampered with spiritualism, at first out of mere curiosity, but soon found themselves in its meshes and helplessly held fast by its demoniacism. They have said, "We will just go for fun," or, "We just went for fun, or for curiosity." But now nothing but the Almighty power of God, through Christ, can ever deliver them from the thralldom of demons and their awful, deplorable state of insanity, and clothe them in their right mind.

For the encouragement of those who may have near and dear ones who have been thus ensnared and are at present in this deplorable condition, I will cite you to the Word of God.

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, . . . and his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatics [those

affected by insanity], and those that had the palsy; and he healed them. Mat. 4:23, 24.

There need be no question as to the cause of insanity in such cases as we have under consideration. Read what the Bible says farther: "And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatic, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. . . . And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour." Mat. 17:14-18. And read Acts 16:16-18. This damsel, as I have clearly proven, was a medium.

But to return to the account of the young man, Putnam, who called on Wallace the "medium healer" out of curiosity. It is said: "In the course of conversation Wallace told him that it would be very easy for him to become a medium. He flattered the young fellow, telling him that he possessed remarkable latent power, which only needed development. Putnam at first ridiculed the idea, and went away. But his vanity overcame his common sense, and the next day he called again. He was not yet in a condition to become a follower of Wallace's teachings, but Wallace gave him a 'sitting.' About five weeks ago Putnam decided to become a medium, and paid Wallace twenty-five dollars to develop him. The process of development by Wallace's method is too horrible for detailed description. In vain Putnam's mother and sister implored him to cease his visits.

He told them he was under Wallace's control, and compelled to do whatever Wallace told him. One evening about two weeks ['This is the third case mentioned that I have learned it took about two weeks, fourteen days, to ruin the mind by developing as a medium.'—T. I. M.] after Wallace commenced to develop him, the young musician returned to his home. He was terribly excited. The pupils of his eyes dilated and contracted with alarming rapidity. He was on the border of insanity, but the wrecking of his bright mind was not yet complete.

"Mrs Putnam observed her son's peculiar actions, and reprimanded him for some exaggerated statements. Later the family retired, but the young man sat before the grate seeing spirits and spirits directed by a satyr with Wallace's features in the embers. Suddenly a maniacal laugh awakened the sleepers. There could be no mistaking the horrible sound. The mother bolted her door and called on her son for protection. She did not dream that young Putnam was the maniac. He went to her room and his eyes flashed one intelligent glance to hers. He attempted to speak, but again that horrible laugh came from his lips, and he sank to the floor exhausted. When consciousness was restored he was helplessly insane.

"I have a number of other cases marked of the wreck and ruin of minds by the practise of spiritualism, but it is useless to mention more here. I have heard of a great many that I did not keep any record of and have forgotten."

Reader, I am fully persuaded that if it were possible

for you and me to get the accurate number of cases of insanity, in the asylums of America that were caused by that awful blight to humanity and civilization—spiritualism, we would see that it is very appalling indeed. O beloved saints of God, and ministers of the church of God, let us “lift up our voice like a trumpet and sound an alarm in God’s holy mountain.” Let us faithfully warn the people everywhere against this awful mind-destroying power of the devil through modern spiritualism and its workings by demon possessed mediums. Speaking of spiritualism, a certain author has said, “Spiritualism is the most subtle foe of the individual, the family, the church and the state. It began a fraud; it is a fraud.”

I add, it is one of the devil’s worst inventions to destroy immortal souls. It would seem useless to multiply cases, but I will give this one before I close this chapter.

A neighbor lady, and friend, Mrs. Myten, has just told me of an aunt of hers, who was one of the unfortunate ones. Her maiden name was Graham, Martha Graham. She was, prior to her misfortune, an intelligent lady. She married a man by the name of Hawk. Mr. Hawk and his mother were spiritualists. Martha, after her union with him, was drawn into spiritualism, and, became a medium. Her mind was soon ruined, and, she became insane. At one time she lived near Liberty, Allen County, Ind. From there they moved to the state of Illinois. She finally died in the insane asylum in that state. My

information is from Mrs. Joseph Myten, of Payne, O., and is reliable.

I have made an effort to get some statistics from the records of some of the insane asylums in a few of the states, concerning the number of persons who are there as the result of being a spiritualist, or a spiritual medium. I have not been very successful. The following reply received from Dayton, O., will explain why. I give it in full.

Dayton, O., June 18, 1902.

Mr. J. N. Howard, Payne, O.

Dear Sir: Your inquiry of the 14th inst. at hand. There are no statistics regarding the subject you mention. I am therefore unable to give you the information you wish. Very Respectfully,

A. F. Shepherd, M. D., Superintendent.

This, no doubt, is due to the fact that very few cases, if any, are reported to the authorities at the asylums as having been caused by modern spiritualism.

Dear reader, I close this chapter by warning you. in Jesus' name, to stand aloof from modern spiritualism and spiritual mediums, lest you should be ensnared, and your mind ruined, and your soul lost eternally.



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